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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLACKBURN

Annual Report on the Health Service for the year 1971

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Chief Public Health Inspector	abc abc	F. B. Addy (to May) C. Ainsworth (from May)
Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector	abc	C. AINSWORTH (to May) R RILEY (from Sept.)
Superintendent Nursing Officer	a	Miss L. M. Brown, s.r.n. s.C.M., H.V.Cert.
Deputy Superintendent Nursing Officer	•	Miss M. E. THOMAS, S.R.N. S.C.M., H.V.Cert., Q.S.
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First Assistant Superintendent District Nursing Service		Miss C. M. Hayes, s.r.n., s.c.m., q.s.
Public Health Inspectorate		
Sampling Officer	abe	T. G. Marsden
Senior Meat Inspector	ab	E. Duerden
Factories & Smoke Abatement Officer	aci	J. PYE, A.I.Plant.E.
Senior Housing Inspector	a	F. Forrest
Shops and Offices Inspector	а	N. Morris
Senior District Inspector	a	R. RILEY (to Aug.)
District Public Health and Assistant Meat Inspectors		6
Technical Assistant (Housing) Technical Assistants for		1
Smoke Control		2
Pupil Inspectors		4
Rodent Operators		5
Medico-Social Work, Health Visiting of	and Ch	inic Nursing
Medico-Social Workers		24
Health Visitor/School Nurses		4
Student Health Visitors		4
Clinic Nurses (including part-tin	ne)	26
State Enrolled Nurses		1
Midwifery Service		
Midwives (including part-time)		11

Home Nursing Service

District Nurses:

Full-time (including 1 male nurse) 22 Part-time 10

State Enrolled Nurses 4

Physiotherapy

Mrs. M. J. Phillips (to May) Mrs. B. J. Lambert Senior Physiotherapists

Physiotherapists 1 part-time

Chiropody

Chiropodists J. Pollard, M.ch.s.

P. L. Foxcroft, M.ch.s.

Miss C. A. SHARPE (from Jan.)

C. I. HUNT, M.ch.s.

Occupational Therapists MRS. S. PRICE, M.A.O.T.

Orthoptists: MRs. M. Snape, D.B.O.

Miss S. Preston Miss S. H. Cliffe

Speech Therapist: Mrs. J. B. Scott

Mrs. J. Knight (part-time)

Mrs. R. M. Banks, nee Daniels

Dental Attendants:

Senior Dental Attendant Miss L. E. Walsh

Attendants 2 (one part-time)

Audiometrician: E. Townson

Mrs. P. Iveson

Ambulance Service

Ambulance Officer D. P. KENNEDY (to May)

N. LAKIN (from July)

Deputy Ambulance Officer L. Long

Ambulance Personnel 44

Administrative and Clerical

Principal Administrative Officer a
Deputy Principal Administrative gh
Officer g
Snr. Administrative Assistant

T. Hodson
W. E. Turner (to Sept.)
W. R. Hindle (from Dec.)

Senior Section Officers

West Division
East Division
Secretary to Medical Officer
of Health
Public Health Inspectorate

h
H. E. Jones
A. J. SNAPE (from 18-1-71)
g
Mrs. B. J. THORNTON
Mrs. O. CROSSLEY

Clerical Staff, Receptionists and Telephonists

62

Miscellaneous

Attendants, Drivers

3

Key to Qualifications not otherwise shown

- (a) Certificate of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board
- (b) Certificate in Meat and Other Foods
- (c) Smoke Inspectors' Certificate
- (d) Certificate in Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works.
- (e) Certificate of the Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
- (g) Local Government Clerical Division Examination
- (h) Diploma in Municipal Administration
- (i) Cert. Advanced Fuel Technology, C. & G. Lond. Inst.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health and Education Committees.

I present herewith my Annual Report for the year 1971.

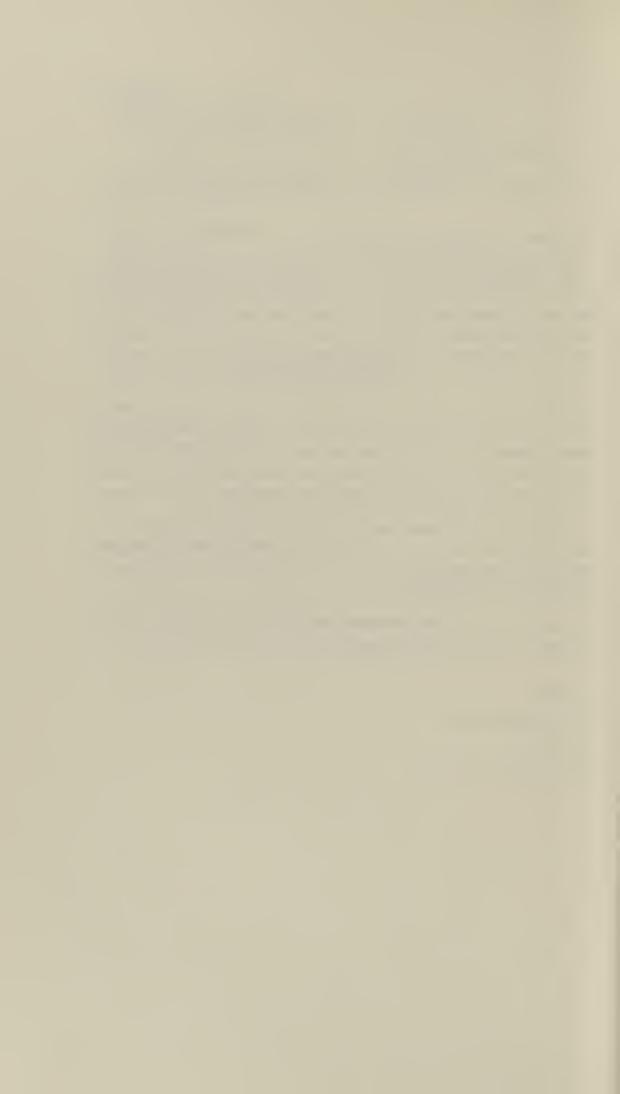
The year saw the end of the combined Health and Social Services Department, when the latter component was transferred to the new Department in October. Information in the Report is therefore mainly confined to the Local Health and Environmental Health Services. The Social Services content to the end of September is not included, except where shown, as all available data was transferred when the Service itself transferred.

During the year, the Department suffered a great loss with the death of Mr. F. B. Addy in March. Mr. Addy came to Blackburn as Chief Public Health Inspector in 1945, and gave long and devoted service to the town. His was a life dedicated to Public Health, and single-mindedness of purpose and the town and its citizens owes much to his influence in the post-war era.

In conclusion, this Report is again very much delayed. It is, however, a matter of dealing with copy when time permits. During 1972, such time was even more at a premium due to the heavy commitment of all Senior staff in Health Service Re-organisation.

It is, therefore, essentially a Report restricted to factual detail and statistics and mainly of future historical interest.

I remain,
Your obedient Servant,
J. ARDLEY
Medical Officer of Health



VITAL STATISTICS

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Rateable V Sum Repre	(Census 196 (Estimated 1	middle of 1 Penny Rate	 !971) . 	71 16/9 18/5	 £3,0 £ 0d (Doi	8,080 106,242 101,130 690,681 (14,222 mestic) nmercial)
EXPENDITUR		Expenditure	SOCIA	Income		expenditure
Health Service 1946 Act Ac		£ 359,864		£ 45,145	3	£ 14,719
General Acc	ount	61,798		2,452	:	59,346
Welfare of Age	d	387,359		101,376	2	85,983
Welfare of E Handicapp		30,805		2,328	:	28,477
Workshops for	Blind (nett)	_	••	_		9,997
LIVE BIRTHS Legitimate Illegitimate Total .	e 1,703 e 185	Males . Females			h Rate gland & V	20.8 Wales 16.0)
STILLBIRTHS	:					
Total .	39	Rate per	: 1,000 to	otal births a	and still b	oirths 20.0
PERI-NATAL Total (i.s. Stillbirths ar under one w	66 nd Deaths	Rate per	· 1,000 to	otal births a h previous	years: 1 1 1 1	oirths 34.00 970—25.00 969—32.00 968—28.75 967—25.45 966—32.17
INFANT MOR	TALITY:					
	egitimate40 legitimate 3	Rate per 1,0	000 live	births L	egitimate llegitimat	
year or age.)	Total 43			A	ш	. 23.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY:

From Sepsis .. Nil. Rate per 1,000 live and .. 1.3 Other Causes .. 2 still births

DEATHS:

Males . . . 783 Death Rate per 1000 16.1 Females . . . 843 (England and Wales)

Percentage of deaths occurring in Institutions.. .. 57.1%

Causes of Death, 1971:

During 1971 the chief causes of death were:

				No. of Deaths	1,00	Rate per 0 population
Ischaemic Heart Disease	• •		• •	377		3.73
Circulatory diseases			• •	228		2.25
Malignant Neoplasms				287		2.83
Other diseases of the Respira	atory					
System—Non-T.B.				25		0.25
Cerebro-vascular disease	• •	• •	• •	201		1.99
Pneumonia				162		1.61
Bronchitis and Emphysema				122		1.26
Congenital Anomalies			• •	13		0.13

Other Diseases of bodily systems, and group diseases to which death was assigned:

					No. of Deaths	1,0	Rate per 00 population
Peptic Ulcer					 5	• •	0.05
Renal System		• •			 9		0.09
Enteritis and o	ther o	liarrho	ea disea	ases			
(under 2	2 year	s)			 2		0.02
T.B.—all form	s				 4		0.04
Infectious and	infect	tive dis	eases		 2		0.02

CAUSES OF DEATH OF BLACKBURN RESIDENTS during different periods of life, 1971

TABLE 1

CAUSES OF DEATH			U'der					AGE	IN '	YEAR	s		
	Sex	all Ages	4 weeks	under 1 year	1—4	5—14	15-24	25-34	35–44	45–54	55-64	65-74	7 5 +
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	M F	1 2	·i	1	••					::		i	
2. Tuberulosis of Respiratory System	M F	3								••	2	1	
3. Other Tuberculosis	M F	'n							·i				
4. Malaria	M F	1	::					1	••				
5. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M F	1			1						::	::	i
6. Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc	M F	3 2									1 1	1 1	1
7. Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M F	6 2					::		::	.:	1	4	1 1
8. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M F	18 16		::					• •	2	3	9 5	4 8
9. Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M F	16 24				••	::	••		2	4 6	6 5	13
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M F	2				::	::	::			1	i	1
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M F	66 11		::	••		::		2	6	14	37 6	7 2
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M F	28							·i	4		7	7
13. Malig. Neoplasm, Uterus	F	7								1		2	4
14. Malig. Neopm, Prostate	M	10										6	4
15. Leukaemia	M F	2 3		::			i	1	1			2	
16. Other Malignant Neoplasms	M F	33 37			i		1		1	6 5	8 5	14 16	4 9
17. Diabetes Mellitus	M F	2 4	::	::							2		i
18. Avitaminoses, etc	MF	2		1	::				::	1	::		
19. Other Endocrine, etc. Diseases	M F	1 3	::	1						::	i		
20. Anaemias	MF	9	::			.:		::		::		::	
21. Mental Disorders	M F	1 5	::	.:			::			::		1 1	4
22. Meningitis	M F	i	::				::				·:	::	
23. Multiple Sclerosis	M F	'i						::	::	::	·i	::	::
24. Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	M F	7 10		::	i		::	::		::	1 2	4 4	2 3
25. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M F	10 12	::	::			::		1	1	3	5 2	7
26. Hypertensive Disease	M F	7 16	::			::	::	1 ::	::	1::	2 2	7	3 7
27. Ischaemic Heart Disease	M F	216 161		::	.:	.:	::	::	7	25 6	55 24	65 52	64 79

CAUSES OF DEATHS OF BLACKBURN RESIDENTS (continued)

CAUSES OF DEATH		Total	U'der	and			-	AGE	IN :	YEARS	S		
	Sex	all Ages	4 weeks	under 1 year	1—4	5—14	15-24	25-34	35–44	45-54	55-64	65-74	7 5+
28. Other Forms of Heart Disease	M F	41 76		• • •			·i	·i		1 1	6	7 6	27 66
29. Cerebrovascular Disease	M F	78 123					• •	1	2	5 3	1 ₁	27 33	32 78
30. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M F	18 48	::								4 5	4 11	10 32
31. Influenza	M F	1										::	1
32. Pneumonia	M F	59 103	2	1 1	1	·i		1	·i	3	6 4	14 18	31 74
33. Bronchitis and Emphysema	M F	86 36	::		• •	1			2	5 3	16 3	31 10	31 20
34. Asthma	M F	1 3	::							· 2		1 	·i
35. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M F	13 7	::	1	1					1	2	3 2	5
36. Peptic Ulcer	M F	3 2						2			·i	1	·i
37. Appendicitis	M F	·i				••					·i		
38. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M F	5 4			• •							2 2	3 2
39. Cirrhosis of Liver	M F	1 4	::					::	·i		1	· 2	i
40. Other Diseases of Digestive System	M F	6 8					1		::	·i		1 2	4 5
41. Nephritis and Nephrosis	M F	2 3									·i	1	1 2
42. Hypcrplasia of Prostate	M	4										1	3
43. Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M F	11 10		1 	• •	• •			·i	2 1	·i	3	5 4
44. Abortion	F	2						1	1	• •		'	
45. Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	M F	1			••							1	
46. Diseases of Musculo- Skeletal System	M F	3 8									::	2 3	1 5
47. Congenital Anomalies	M F	5 8	1 6	3 1	·i	••					1		
48. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M F	10 2	10 2					::			::	::	
49. Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M F	3 4	3 4			::		::	::				
50. Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M F	10 10				::					::		4 10
51. Motor Vehicle Accidents	M F	8 8				·i	1	·i	1	1	2	1	2 3
52. All Other Accidents	M F	7 9		1	'i	1				1	2 2	'i	2 4
53. Suicide and Self- Inflicted Injuries	M F	3 2						1	·i		1	1	
54 All Other Faternal Causes	M F	2 5	::	::	::		'i	2	· <u>.</u>	••	i		::
Total All Causes	M F	783 843	16 14	10	3	2 2	3 3	9	16 13	62	149	256 200	257 470

NO. OF CHILDREN WITH Table 2 CONGENITAL ABNORMALITIES NOTIFIED AT BIRTH

Code	e Category	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	A 1971	B 1971
	0									
0	Central Nervous System Spina Bifida	5	1		3	2	2	3	3	7*
1	Anencephalic	1 -	i						4	5*
	Hydrocephalus	1			1	1	1	1	1	2*
	Erbs Palsy				• •			2	2	2 1
١.	Microcephalic						• • •			1*
1					,					
1	Ear—Rt accessory auricle Corneal Opacity—both lens	1	2	1	1		• •		1	1
	Cataract—congenital				1					• •
	Pupils—unequal Left eye—absent	• •	• •	• •	1	·;	• •			• •
	Ear—cartilage defect		• •		i	1	• •	• •	• • •	i*
2	Alimentary System Hare Lip									
1	Hirschsprung Disease	1 2	::	1	1	1	1	1	1	3*
	Umbilical Hernia	1 1		::		• •	• •		• •	• •
	Cleft Palate			2	1		1	2		3*
l	Anus — imperforate	• •		• • •	1	i	• •	• •	1	1
	Congenital hiatus hernia					2	• •	• •		• •
	Sub lingual cyst					1	• •		1	1
	Glossoptosis microenathus Oesophageal Atresia		• •	1	::		- : :		i	2*
	Abdominal tumour				::		::		i	1
3	Heart & Circulatory System								1	
	Congenital heart lesion		1		::	i	1	1	$\frac{1}{1}$	1
	Rt side cenhalematoma								î	î
5	Hyaline membrane diseased			• •	• • •	}			1	1
"	Genitals	1						1	1	1
	Hypospadias			i	i	2	- : :	i		
1	Malformation—kidney Ectopic bladder				• •	1			1 [1
l	Imperforate meatus	• • •				• •	::]	- : :	$\begin{array}{c c} 1 \\ 1 \end{array}$	1 1
6	Limbs		. 4					- 1	_	
	Osteomalacia	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	3	7	4	3		5	7*
	Polydactyly	1 {				*		í	2	3*
	Thumb bone missing Extra digits—both hands	1								
	Extra digits—both hands Webbed toes	1	1		• •	••	• • •	i	•••	••
	Hand—nngers malformed		i		i	::	i	- i	2	2
ľ	Hand—webbed finger		- · ·		1					
	Hips—bilateral dislocation Syndactyly—toes Flexion deformity—thumbs	• • •	:: 1	::	• •	1 2	• • •	1	:: 1	i
	Flexion deformity—thumbs	- ::	- : : }				i	- : :		
l	Dropped wrist]	1			
	Legs—severe abnormality Absence left forearm Malformed Arms and legs		-::				1	i	•••	• •
	Malformed Arms and legs								i	i
7	Other Parts of	1	1	ĺ		- 1			-	1
	Muscular Skeletal System Sacrum irregularity	1				1				
	Muscle deformity		- : :	i						
	Crown of head			1		1		• •		• •
	Base of spine—depression Rt sterno mastoid rumour			1		1	• •	i	::	
8	Other Systems				}			_		
	Pilonoidal sinus	5	2	• :	1	• •	1	3	1	3*
	Haemangioma	1	- : :	1	::	-:: }	ż	1	i	i
	Birthmarks	î	i	i	4	- : :	3	5	3	3
	Ichthyosis Exomphalos		/	• •			1 1	i		• •
	Perineal skin tag	::	-:: 1	1:: 1	::	::	1	1		
	Rt foot skin tag		-:: 1	1		- : :	::	ī		
9	Other Malformations Hygroma chest	2				1				
	Mongolism		2 '	i	i	2		2	i.	i
	Multiple malformation				1			2	10*	*
	Chromosome abnormality Disorders of function	• •	• •			1				• •
	Metabolic acidosis	-::		::			:: {	i	1	• •
				1						
A	Total numbers of children with congenital abnormalities									
	notified at birth	31	17	17	28	25	21	_37	51	
В	Total number of abnormalities show	ving		1						
	ature of the multiple abnormalities	6		1	}					61
				1						

^{*} Includes cases where Multiple Abnormalities have occurred

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES FOOD SUPPLY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

During the year, the following visits and inspections were made by the Public Health Inspectors:

Number of complaints investigated		• •			1745
Applications for Corporation Houses	• •		• •	٠.	487
Choked sewers or Street Gullies					125
Choked or defective drains					219
Common Yards, Passages, etc		• •			99
Dirty and Verminous Premises					407
Food Shops	• •	• •			1555
Infectious Diseases	• •	• •			1777
Inspections of dwelling houses	• •				70 7
Interviews					805
Knackers Yards	• •	• •			29
Licensed premises		• •	• •	٠.	264
Lodging Houses, Common					7
Houses in multiple occupation:-Lettings					128
Miscellaneous					2312
Offensive Trades					44
Rent Act			• •	• •	1
Rodent Control					646
Schools					120
Smallpox Contacts					12
Smoke Observations					34
Stables & Piggeries					2
Wasps Nests					47
Theatres and Cinemas	• •				28
Re-visits after Notice, Dwelling Houses					3837
Revisits after Notices, Other Premises				• •	60 9
Ineffectual Visits				• •	1796
Slum Clearance			• •		662
Clean Air Stations		• •			163
Water Samples		• •			16
Drains Tested			• •		219
Noise Abatement					2 79
Pet Shops					25
Factories					232

Offensive Trades

The number of offensive trades is three. These consist of one Fat Extracting; one Gut Scraping and one Tripe Boiling. There is also one Knackers Yard. All are visited regularly.

Insanitary Dwellings

Seven houses were closed during the year as being unfit for human habitation.

Verminous Premises and Persons

Two hundred and eighty premises comprising two thousand rooms rooms have been disinfested. Three hundred and eighty-one infested persons were treated at the Cleansing Centre.

Infected Premises

Thirty private dwelling houses comprising thirty eight rooms, were disinfected following cases of infectious disease.

Common Lodging Houses

The Salvation Army Hostel (71 male lodgers) in Regent Street is the only common lodging house in the Borough.

It is inspected regularly and is a well run establishment.

Houses in Multiple Occupation

There are a number of houses in multiple occupation in the town. There is no preponderence of immigrants occupying this type of accommodation as most appear to buy houses of their own. It is true however that they tend to live in certain areas of the town.

Local Land Charge Enquiries

When properties are put up for sale the solicitor for the purchaser enquires from the Local Authority whether or not there is anything outstanding against the premises. So far as this department is concerned it means checking by the various inspectors to see if any requirements of the following Acts have not been complied with: Public Health; Housing; Food and Drugs; Shops, etc., and Clean Air Acts.

During the year enquiries were received concerning three thousand one hundred and forty eight premises.

RODENT CONTROL.

Sewer Control

During the year 942 manholes which had been infested at some time in the past were poisoned using oatmeal with paranitrophenol and the poison fluoracetamide. No test baiting was carried out due to staff shortage and to the other commitments of the operators.

Surface Control

During 1971, 1796 complaints of rat and mouse infestation were received. This is 481 more than in the previous year. The number of complaints of rats was 809 and mice 987. On investigation however 349 complaints did not show any infestation. Empty premises and their associated accumulations of rubbish continue to be a source of complaint. The increase in the number of rat complaints appears to be due to the fact that the public are becoming more anxious to report any suspicions they may have, and in the case of mice, whereas in years gone by people tended to deal with their own mouse problems themselves, they now request the Local Authority to do it for them.

Complaints

Companie										
No. of complaints received No. of infestations found	No. of complaints received and investigated—: No. of infestations found									
Survey					Mice		908			
No. of properties inspected No. of infestations found			••	••	Rats Mice	•••	492 5 3			
Treatments										
No. of premises treated				• •			1442			
No. of visits re-treatments							5835			
Defective drains found				• •			5			
Defective drains repaired							10			

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT

During the year an outbreak of Fowl Pest was confirmed at a farm within the Borough. The appropriate restrictions were put into operation.

Other visits under the Act were of a routine character.

As in previous years close co-operation with the Officers of the R.S.P.C.A• has been maintained.

Details of action taken are as follows:-

Foot and Mouth Disease (Controlled Areas Restrictions) Orders 1938 and 1956

Movement licences issued Regulation of Movement of Swine Order 1959.	• •	Nil.
Movement licences issued Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order 1957.		67
Visits to licenced plants	• •	4
Fowl Pest Order, 1936 Visits regarding Fowl Pest		3
Cattle Imported from Ireland. Movement licences issued:		Nil.

Other Visits

Farms (movement records)	85
Cattle Market (transport etc., of animals)	63
Knackers Yards	29
Pet Shops (Licencing of)	25
Boarding Establishments	2

No prosecutions were instituted during the year but a caution was issued to the Secretary of the Auction Mart Co., regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the auction ring prior to an auction.

The R.S.P.C.A. Inspector was informed regarding a diseased stirk that had been brought into the auction. At a later date the R.S.P.C.A. instituted legal proceedings against the owner.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961, AND THE SANITARY ACCOMMODATION REGULATIONS, 1938

	Non- Power	Power	Other Premises	Total
Number of factories on Register	16	601	19	636
Number of Inspections	1	122	4	127
Number of re-visits	1	103	1	105
Cases where defects found	1	25	2	28
Written notices	••	11	• •	11
Verbal notices	1	14	2	17
Cases remedied	••	35	1	36
Referred to H.M.I		••	• •	••
Referred by H.M.I.	••	6	• •	6
Prosecutions			••	

Cases where Defects were Found.

		Rem-	Refe	rred	Prose-
	Found	edied	to H.M.I.	by н.м. г .	
Sec. 1. Want of Cleanliness					••
Sec. 2. Overcrowding	••			••	••
Sec. 3. Unreasonable temperatures	••	••	• •	••	• •
Sec. 4. Inadequate ventilation	• •	• •	••	••	
Sec. 6. Ineffective drainage of floors		• •	• •	• •	••
Sec. 7. Sanitary Conveniences				!	
(a) Insufficient	• •	••	• •	• •	• •
(b) Unsuitable or defective	26	34		5	• •
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	2	• •	1	• •
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers)					
TOTAL	28	36	••	6	

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

I am indebted to the Borough Engineer for the following comments on Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

During the year the following sewerage works were carried out:

Ashworth Street main drainage scheme.

Ashworth Street housing site sewers.

Darwen Street Bridge main sewer diversion.

Roman Road to Milking Lane main sewer to serve the Industrial site at Roman Road.

Pearl Street housing site.

Bennington Street housing site.

Private developers sites.

WATER SUPPLY.

I am indebted to Mr. K. Crook, Divisional Engineer (Eastern Division) to the Fylde Water Board for the following report on the town's water supply.

Mains laid: 3" and over	7.01 Km.
Domestic properties connected	445
Separate service pipes under grant-aided scheme	197
Increase in consumption	2.7%

No new sources of supply have been brought into use during the year.

BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS.

Source of Sample	Number Examined	No. free from Coliform	Per cent. Satis- factory	Aerobic organisms Yeastral No. of Colo of sa	growing in Agar nies per ml.
Source of Sample	Бхадинец	Organisms	lactory	in 2 days at 37°C.	in 3 days at 22°C.
Fishmoor Distribution	79	79	100%	1	3
Revidge "	78	78	100%	3	9
Ramsgreave "	27	27	100%	2	12
Eddy Holes "	26	26	100%	3	13

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

		Ramsgreave system	Fishmoor & Guide system
Appearance		Clear & Bright	Clear & Bright
Colour (Hazen p.p.m. Pt)		6	5
Turbidity (p.p.m. Silica)		Nil.	Nil.
Odour		Nil.	Nil.
Taste		Normal	Normal
Reaction pH value		8.0	8.0
Electrical Conductivity. u.m.h.o./co	с	125	108
,		p.p.m.	p.p.m.
Residual Chlorine		0.15	0.20
Free and Saline Ammonia as N2.		0.08	0.09
Albuminoid Ammonia as N2 .		0.16	- 0.04
Nitrous Nitrogen as N2		0.003	0.003
Nitric Nitrogen as N2		0.38	0.20
Oxygen absorbed 4 hrs. at 27°C		0.78	0.55
Free Acidity as CO2			
Carbonate Hardness as CaCO3 .		18	10
Total Hardness as CaCO3 .		48	36
Non-carbonate Hardness as CaCO3	3	30	26
Excess Alkalinity as Na2CO3 .			
Calcium as CaCO3		42	28
Magnesium as CaCO3		6	8
Total Solids dried at 180°C.		92	90
Chloride as C1		12	12
Sulphate as SO4		30	28
Lead as Pb		less than 0.05 les	s than 0.05
Manganese as Mn		0.03	0.02
Copper as Cu		• •	
Iron as Fe		0.04	0.04
Aluminium as Al		0.10	0.08
Fluoride as F			s than 0.10
Titoride as T	• • •		

MEAT INSPECTION

Table 3

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excd'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed	4336	3363	174	41749	11774	
Number inspected	43 3 6	3363	174	41749	11774	
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:						
Whole carcases condemned	2	8	10	189	58	• •
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1738	2838	16	8964	3878	
Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than tuber-culosis	40.1	84.6	14.9	21.9	33.4	
Tuberculosis only:	ļ					
Whole carcases condemned	• •		• •	••	• •	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	• •	• •		• •	18	
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	• •			• •	0.15	

Cysticercus Bovis

During the year one case was discovered in the course of meat inspection at the abattoir. This was a localised case and after rejection of the offal and affected parts, the carcase was sent into cold storage for the appropriate period.

Details of Carcases rejected for diseases other than Tuberculosis:

CATTLE								
Fevered Pyaemia Septic Pericarditis.	••	••	3 1 1	Septic Peritor Oedema and	nitis emaciatio	n.	• •	3 2
						Tota	al	10
SHEEP								
Septic Peritonitis Oedema	•••	•••	2 19 5 4 1 1	Fevered Mucoid Dege Septic Pneun Emaciation Severe Bruisi Moribund Gangrenous	nonia ng	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••	3 23 14 106 5 4 1
					Total			189
CALVES								
Septic Enteritis Immaturity	• •	• •	1 3	Joint Ill Pyaemia		• •		2 2 1
White Scour	••	••	1	Fevered		••	••	1
					Total	••		10
PIGS								
Pyaemia	•••	•••	26 1 2 1 21	Septic Peritor Septic Pneum Fevered Erysipelas	nonia	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••	2 1 1 3 — 58

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT

Public Abattoir. The condemned meat and offal from the Public Abattoir is sold to three firms of fat melters and fertilizer manufacturers. Such material is either processed within the Borough at premises which are regularly visited, or is sold to other approved processors outside the Borough.

Carcases, etc. sent for Utilisation: 58 tons 7 cwts. 65 lbs.

INSPECTION OF OTHER FOODS

Number of Visits to Inspect Food

Meat Shops	 	39	Fish Market	 	14
Provision Shops	 	103	Fish Siding	 	13
Meat Market	 	12	Miscellaneous	 	61

INSPECTION OF CONTAINERISED FOODSTUFFS

This consists of foods which are received in sealed containers not having been inspected at the port of entry. There were eight such consignments inspected. All were found to be satisfactory.

Other Foodstuffs seized or surrendered

Tins and Jars of	f Miscell-		Fruits	 4,261-lbs.
aneous Foods		13,421	Vegetables	 21,477-lbs.
Frozen Foods		3,688-pks.	Miscellaneous Foods	 3,447-lbs.

Wholesale Fish Market. Unsound fish is sold to a fertilizer manufacturer outside the Borough.

Other Foods. All other unsound foodstuffs are collected and disposed of by the Corporation.

FOOD HYGIENE

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

	INSPECTION OF FO	טט .	PREMI	SES		
There	are within the Borough the f	ollow	ing food	pre	mises :-	_
	Grocers Greengrocers and Wet Fish Sho Butchers Cooked Meat Premises (other th Bakers and Confectioners Fried Fish Shops Cafes and Snack Bars Licensed Premises Mobile Shops Stalls	ps 	tcher)		340 37 124 20 136 85 60 187 18	
The folunder:—	llowing table shows the numb	ers an	d types	of pi	remises	registered
(a)	Food and Drugs Act, 1955:					
()	Manufacture, Sale or					
	Storage for Sale of Ice-cream,	• •	• •	• •	572	
	Manufacture of Sausages and Co	ooked	Meats	• •	83	
(b)	Milk and Dairies (General) R	egula	tions:			
	Number of Registered Dairies				4	
Sur	nmary of Premises Visited:					
	Licensed Premises	• •			255	
	Butchers and Cooked Food Pres	mises			109	
	Cafes and Snack Bars, etc				294	
	Grocers	• •	• •		620	
	Bakehouses and Confectioners				201	
	Fish Fryers and Crisp Fryers		• •		147	
	Greengrocers		• •		177	
	Mobile Shops			• •	16	
	Total ^v	Visits		• •	1819	
	Number of Premises Inspected				1315	
	Number Found Satisfactory		• •		1073	
	Number Found Unsatisfactory				242	
	Number of re-visits to Unsatisf	actory	Premise	s	504	

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Number of Premises made Satisfactory

Visits re proposed Food Premises ...

Miscellaneous visits

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960. DETAILS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND.

Table 4

Food Premises:							n	7. 1
						Found		nedied
Dirty Equipment Equipment in bad repair	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	69	• •	73
Equipment in bad repair	• •	٠٠, .	• •	• •	• •	32	• •	32
Equipment not protected from	n conta	minatio	n	• •	• •	7		7
Food placed as to involve risk	of con	tamina	tion	• •	• •	63		68
		• •		• •	• •	2	• •	2
Persons smoking in food room				• •		6		8
Persons with exposed cuts			• •	• •		_	• •	_
Outdoor clothing in food roor	n		• •			_		_
Suitable overclothing not wor	n					3		1
Sanitary Conveniences:								
Not indicated with sex of use	т							1
N.T. (1977)						10		10
Inadequately screened			• •		• •	_		_
Not clean				• •		23	• •	30
Not ventilated	• •		• •	• •	• •	2	• •	4
Not ventilated Not lighted	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	16		13
In diseas communication	• •		• •	• •	• •	3	• •	13
In direct communication No "wash hands" notices	• •		• •	• •	• •	26	• •	27
No wash nands notices	• •		• •	• •	• •	1	• •	
No door fasteners	 		• •	• •	• •	4	• •	1
Absence of suitable wash hand	a basin	• •	• •	• •	• •	10	• •	9
Absence of constant hot water	7	• •	• •	• •	• •	8	• •	10
Absence of constant cold water	er.	• •	• •	• •	• •	3	• •	4
Absence of soap or detergent	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	7	• •	11
Absence of nail brushes	• •		• •	• •	• •	19		21
Absence of clean towels, etc.		• •	• •	• •	• •	3		7
Absence of suitable first aid n	naterial	S	::	• •	• •	30		26
Absence of suitable accommod	dation :	for clot	hing			2		5
Absence of suitable sink						9		7
Absence of constant hot water	r to sin	k				9		7
Absence of constant cold water						3		1
Absence of clean cloths for dr	ying					_		_
Sinks not clean and in workin	g order	r						_
Absence of name & address o	n food	vehicle	2			_		_
Food Rooms:								
Not efficiently lighted						2		2
Not sufficiently ventilated	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	17		15
			• •			127	• •	130
Walls not clean Walls not in good repair	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	27		30
Floors not clean	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	42	• •	
Floors not in good repair	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •		• •	40
Doors not also	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	22	• •	27
Doors not clean	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •		• •	_
Doors not in good repair	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •		• •	
Windows not clean	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	5	• •	5
Windows not in good repair	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	2	• •	4
Woodwork not clean	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	13	• •	12
Wood work not in good repai	Г	• •	• •	• •	• •	2	• •	3
Ceilings not clean	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	84	• •	93
Ceilings not in good repair	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	9	• •	15
Infestation by rodents	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	1	• •	3
Accumulation of refuse	• •	• •		• •	• •	8	• •	10
Infestation by insects		• •				1		2
Infestation by birds						1		1

Markets and Stalls

Apart from mobile food vendors, all stalls in Blackburn are accommodated in the new Market Hall.

In addition to 5 cafes and 3 mini-food shops there are 25 food stalls which are open daily and 76 which are open for 3 days only per week.

All are inspected regularly.

During the year 73 stalls were found to be unsatisfactory in some respect, all of which were subsequently made satisfactory.

Details of Contraventions:

Inadequate protection of foodstuffs	 	 	Found 66	Remedied 66
Accumulations of Refuse	 	 		
Stalls not clean	 	 	6	 6
Name and address not displayed	 	 		
Employees Smoking	 	 	1	 1

Agriculture (Welfare) Act 1956

Twenty-one farms were visited in connection with the employment of farm labour.

Fertiliser and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1926

Twelve informal samples of feeding stuffs and fertilisers were examined by the Analyst during the year. Seven were reported satisfactory and five unsatisfactory. The necessary action was taken following report on the unsatisfactory samples.

Food Poisoning

There were fifty-nine cases of food poisoning during the year, fifty-two of which were notified. The remaining seven were discovered by other means.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

During the year one hundred and twelve samples of milk were submitted to the Public Analyst. Ninety samples were reported satisfactory, thirteen were reported unsatisfactory because of poor quality, and three unsatisfactory owing to fat deficiency. Six showed the presence of extraneous water in slight amounts. In each case the producers were advised and a warning given where called for. A further one hundred and seventy-two samples of other foods and drugs were taken, twenty two of which were reported as adulterated.

The following shows the action taken respecting the twenty-two samples reported not genuine.

Articles sampled	Analyst's Report	Action Taken
Double Cream	Consisted of pasteurised double cream, yet labelled "Fresh Double Cream".	Manufacturer interviewed. Cartons being phased out. New cartons containing description 'Pasteurised Cream'. Word "fresh" not used.
Raspberry Waffles	Claims on label for "whole milk and eggs". Not justified by amount of these constituents.	Manufacturer interviewed and agreed to amend statement of ingredients.
Pork Sausage.	6% deficient in lean meat.	Letter of warning sent.
Iron Tonic Tablets.	Declaration of iron ambiguous. Could be read to imply twice the the amount of iron.	Manufacturer interviewed and agreed to amend statement of ingredients.
Butterscotch Supreme Dessert.	Contained no butterfat.	Formal sample to be obtained.
Bread.	Incorrectly described with the word "enriched".	Baker advised of his responsibilities under "the labelling of food Order".
Lemon and Lime Drink	Contained cyclamates.	All stocks immediately withdrawn.
Milk Chocolate Fudge	Ingredients incorrectly stated.	Advised to communicate with importer and notify of unsatisfactory label.
Cherry filled Chocolate	Contained prohibited preservative	This chocolate was imported. Stocks withdrawn from sale.
Strawberry filled Chocolate.	Contained prohibited preservative	This chocolate was imported. Stocks withdrawn from sale.
Orange filled Chocolate	Contained prohibited preservative	This chocolate was imported. Stocks withdrawn from sale.
Pineapple filled Chocolate	Contained prohibited preservative	This chocolate was imported. Stocks withdrawn from sale.
Extra Energy Tablets	Composition of tablet does not justify use of the name — "Extra Energy Tablets".	Manufacturer notified.
Strawberries	Fruit stained with green colour from punnet.	Manufacturer notified. Colour to be rendered insoluble.
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Cab Driver Linctus Alcohol content not as declared Manufacturer notified.

Contained excess of Penicillin Channel Island Milk Producer advised,

Letter of warning

Butterscotch Dessert

Almond flavoured lunch

Powder

Contained no Butterfat

Fined £50 with £.5.60 costs.

Milk Slab Nougat Chocolate covering did not contain Vendor advised

cocoa butter or milk fat

Vegetable Ghee Incorrectly labelled

Excessively flavoured

Importer notified Manufacturer noti-

fied.

Meat & Potato Pie Excessively deficient in meat.

Formal sample to be taken.

Six Meat & Potato Pies Deficient in meat.

Proceedings not possible under existing legislation.

OTHER COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED AND ACTION TAKEN

Complaint

Piece of metal in tinned Rice Pudding Beetle in Meat & Potato Pie.

Margarine slightly rancid. Bhusa unfit for consumption. Mouldy Yoghurt (slight). Fly in Chicken Paste. Wood in Meat & Potato Pie. Wood in Potato Pie. Metal in Ice Cream.

Fly in Meat Pie.

Tin of Baby Food alleged to have caused sickness.

Chocolate alleged to be unsatisfactory.

Alleged mice droppings in trifle.

Insect in crust of Loaf. Steel wool in bottle of sterilised milk. Rancid butter. Beetle in Irish Mallow.

Barm cake containing small piece of black dough. Pasteurised milk in dirty bottle.

Complaint of sickness after eating Corned Beef.

Action Taken

Letter of warning sent. Manufacturer prosecuted. Fined £25 plus £5.60 costs.

Verbal warning.

Letter of warning sent.

Verbal warning.

Letter of warning sent. Letter of warning sent. Baker cautioned.

Metal came from server-

vendor cautioned.

Sale took place in adjoining Authority. Referred to this Authority.

Food examined and found

satisfactory.

Chocolate old and in an unsatisfactory condition. Stocks withdrawn by manu-

facturer.

No mice droppings present Contaminant — pieces of

black grease.

Warning to Bakery. Letter of warning to Dairy. 17 lbs. of butter withdrawn. Referred from adjoining Authority. Examined wholesalers stock - goods satis-

factory.

Confectioner warned.

Letter of warning sent to

Dairy.

Corned Beef chemically and bacteriologically examined and found satisfactory.

Complaint of lack of meat in a Potato Pie. Cheese alleged to have caused sickness.

Mouldy crumpets.

Clear plastic in doughnut.

Mouldy Potato Cakes. Mouldy Crumpets. Sliced loaf containing old dough. Chips alleged to be unsound.

Small unsliced loaf containing four black specks. Mouldy sliced loaf. Roast Ham alleged to be unsound, in Ham Sandwich.

Mouldy Pre-Packed Fruit Pie.

Mouldy Marmalade.

Insect in bread.

Tin of sliced Tongue - mouldy.

Insect in Baby Food (earwig)

Glass in Malt Loaf. Mouldy Sausage Rolls. Steak Pudding unfit for human consumption.

Potato Pie containing beetle.

Mixed Grill alleged to be unfit for human consumption Unsound apples.

Meat Pie containing rubber band.

Bread containing oil stains.

Chips alleged to be contaminated with paraffin. Uncooked chicken unfit for human consumption.

Tinned shoulder of ham alleged to be unfit for human consumption. Piece of cooked steak alleged to be horseflesh.

Nail in tinned Rice Pudding. Piece of wood in Liver and Onion Dinner. Insects in packet of rice.

Pie satisfactory. Examined and found satisfactory. Crumpets several days old. Letter of warning to manufacturer. Manufacturer prosecuted and fined £15. Letter of warning sent. Letter of warning sent. Letter of warning sent. No action. Chips satisfactory. Verbal notice to Bakery. Letter of warning sent. Ham satisfactory. Butter on sandwich rancid. No action. Butter put on sandwich by complainant. Sold after usage date. Warning letter sent to vendor. No action. Mould removed by complainant. Probably flour moth. Warning letter sent to Bakery. Imported Wholesaler cautioned. Unable to determine point of entry. Producer notified. Letter of warning sent. Letter of warning sent. Complainant did not desire formal action - letter of warning sent. Vendor/Manufacturer prosecuted. Fined £50. Complaint not justified. Interviewed Market Vendor concerned. Letter of warning sent to Bakery. Letter of warning sent to Baker. Not proved. Letter of warning sent to Vendor. Ham fit for consumption— No action. Could not be established to be horseflesh. For this, and other reasons, no action taken. Letter of warning sent. Letter of warning sent. Infested with weevils. Inspected stock at place of 161 packets of rice; 38 packets of split peas; 32 packets of tapioca;

Tin of imported Ham unfit for human consumption

Mouldy sliced brown loaf.

Unidentified foreign body in small tin of Corned Beef. Hot Pot alleged to be unsound.

Sour Pork Sausages.

Wire in Stewed Steak. Tin of Processed Peas containing Pod. Constipation Tea infested with grubs from Senna leaves. Dried Milk contaminated with fumes from fuel oil.

Milk in dirty bottle.

String in Steak and Kidney Pie.

Tin of Ham unfit for human consumption.

Drinking Chocolate infested with cocoa moth grub. Black puddings alleged to be unsound.

Mouldy Vegetable Soup. (tinned). Smoked Haddock alleged to be unsound.

Piece of hide in Steak and Kidney Pie.

Tin of Steak and Kidney Pie only partly filled.

Tinned Potatoes unfit for human consumption.

Custard Pie dirty on external surfaces. Pre-packed Soft Cheeses stated to be unfit for human consumption.

Beef Sausage alleged to contain no meat.

Piece of wire in Chocolate Bun. Grub in bar of Chocolate

Suspected dressing in Malt Loaf.

Moth in Liqueur Chocolates.

12 packets of pearl barley; 13 packets of semolina withdrawn from sale and desroyed. All infested with weevils.

Letter of warning to Wholesaler.

Letter of warning sent to Bakery.

Verbal Notice to Vendor. None available for examination. No action taken.

Sausages sold after withdrawal date. Vendor warned Letter of warning sent. Letter of warning sent. Stock withdrawn. Warning

given. Wholesaler aware of this.

All stocks withdrawn from

sale. Letter of warning to Dairy.

concerned.

Considerable had time elapsed between purchase and complaint. Vendor and manufacturer interviewed. Ham packed in East Europe.

Wholesaler advised. Stock surrendered.

Examined and found to be satisfactory.

Letter of warning sent.

Found to be satisfactory. No action.

Letter of warning to manufacturer.

Brought to the notice of the manufacturer.

No Potatoes available for examination. No action taken.

Letter to Baker.

Examined all 6 cheeses packet infested with cheese mite. 6 packets in Shop examined. All infested Stocks withdrawn.

Examined and found satis-

factory.

Warning letter to Baker. Inspected vendor's premises. Grubs discovered in similar type of chocolate. Stocks withdrawn. Foreign body in Loaf found

to be a piece of American oil cloth. Letter of warning to Baker.

Inspected Vendor's premises. No moths found. Warning given.

ICE CREAM

The number of premises registered for the manufacture, sale or storage for sale of ice cream has increased. During 1971 15 such applications were received, whilst 2 registrations were cancelled.

Number on Register, 31st December, 1970	559
Number of Registrations discontinued during 19	971 2
Number of premises registered during 1971	15
Number on Register, 31st December, 1971	572

Bacteriological Examination

Fifty-nine samples were taken of which forty-nine came within Grade 1, five in Grade 2, two in Grade 3 and three in Grade 4. One lolly ice was examined and found satisfactory.

Chemical Examination

The present standard is 5% fat and 7½% milk solids not fat.

Six samples were submitted to the Public Analyst and were chemically satisfactory.

ICE CREAM PREMISES

Three hundred and fourteen visits were made to registered premises and twenty-five warnings given for various contraventions.

Ice Cream Vehicles

Six vehicles were inspected and one verbal notice given for various contraventions.

DAIRIES AND MILK SUPPLY

Dairies

Two hundred and twenty-eight visits were made to dairies. Ten verbal notices were given and three letters sent for contraventions of the Milk and Dairies regulations.

Farms

Seventy-eight visits were made in connection with adverse reports on milk samples, and advice given to the farmers concerned.

Milk Vehicles

Twenty-one milk vehicles were inspected during the year. Five verbal notices were given and a letter sent for contravention.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960

Two hundred and seven samples of designated milk were bacteriologically examined.

The following table shows the grades of milk examined and the results of the tests:—

Table 5

				Ti	sts Fail	ED
CLASS OF MILK	Number of samples	Number satis- factory	Number not satis- factory		Methy- lene Blue	Biolo- gical-
Pasteurised	76	65	11	2	11	
Sterilised	22	22				• •
Ultra Heat Treated	16	16				• •
Untreated	93	76	17		17	• •
All grades examined for Tuberculosis	52	52	::			• •
Brucella Abortus	58	48	10	• •	. .	

Brucella Abortus

Ten milks were found to be infected with Brucella Abortus organisms. Four were from herds in Blackburn County Borough. The milk from individual cows in these four infected herds was examined. Infected animals were segregated and eventually removed from the herds and slaughtered.

The remaining six were produced in adjoining areas, the milk being sold retail in the County Borough.

The appropriate Authorities were notified and steps were taken to ensure that the herds concerned were rendered free from infection.

Cream

Fourteen samples of cream were bacteriologically examined and eight found to be satisfactory. Five were reported to be unsatisfactory.

Foods other than milk

Fifty-five samples of a variety of foods, mainly cooked meats, were sent for bacteriological examination. Of these thirteen were considered to be unsatisfactory. The producers and retailers of these unsatisfactory foods were interviewed and advised.

Bottles

Six washed mineral water bottles have also been bacteriologically examined. All were reported satisfactory.

HOUSING

(a) General	
Houses built during 1971: (i) By Corporation: Houses and Flats	196
Total	407
(b) Statistics	
1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:	
(1) (a) Total Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing deformation (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	ects 707
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	3837
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) about which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so danger or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	ous 21
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all resperses reasonably fit for human habitation	
2 Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Notices:	Formal
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in conseque of informal action by Local Authority or their officers	nce 478
3. Action Under Statutory Powers during the Year:	
A. Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957, ss 9, 10 and 16	:
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were ser requiring repairs	ved Nil.
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after serve of formal notices:—	vice .
(a) By Owners	Nil.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1)	Number of notices outstanding at 31.12.70	23
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	107
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
	(a) By owners	49
	(b) By local authority in default of owners	71
(4)	Number of notices oustanding at 31.12.71	10
C. Pı	roceedings under ss. 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil.
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil.
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil.
(4)	No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined	Nil
(5)	Undertaking accepted not to relet	7
(6)	Dwelling-houses demolished voluntarily	Nil.
D. Pr	roceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil.
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil.
E. P.	roceedings under Blackburn Improvement Act 1882:	
(1)	Number of houses closed under Section III	7
(2)	Number of houses demolished under Section 112	Nil.

RENT ACT, 1957.

This act came into operation on 6th July, 1957, and amended the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Acts 1920 to 1939 and other enactments relating to the control of rents and the right to retain possession of houses. The Act deals in the main with matters relating to landlord and tenant, and makes provision whereby a tenant may under certain circumstances, make application to the Local Authority for a certificate of disrepair. Only one visit has been made during the year in connection with the Act and no applications were received for certificates of disrepair.

SLUM CLEARANCE

Report by Mr. F. Forrest, Senior Housing Inspector.

The year saw the commencement of the Scotland Road Re-development Scheme by the representation of the eight Clearance Areas which form the basis of the first phase.

The Scheme in its entirety will see the removal of large numbers of truly unfit dwellings, many of which have not been fit for living in for many years past. These properties have had a useful "life", but inferior construction, time and weather have all taken their toll, and despite efforts of some of the owners to maintain them their demolition is inevitable and could be foreseen years ago.

Confirmation of the Lower Audley Street Compulsory Purchase Order was received from the Department of the Environment in April, and this was the only Order to be confirmed during the year; and five Clearance Areas were contained therein.

A start was made during the year of an appreciation of capabilities to accelerate the rate of Clearance, together with the more rapid re-housing of displaced families, and all that this entails. The need of an accurate assessment of the property in the Borough is now becoming more vital. To produce a viable programme of Clearance and Improvement running together is essential, and the only base from which to produce an efficient scheme is an overall picture of property condition.

The present Clearance Programme was devised in 1962, and as 1971 is the penultimate year of that part of it that is definite in its intention the need for a re-appraisal is self-evident.

The resulting factors will all be considered together in an effort to realise the aspirations of those in authority to improve the lot of these less fortunate, badly housed members of the community, as swiftly as possible.

TABLE 6

PROGRESS REPORT — SLUM CLEARANCE To December 31st, 1971.

Date Site cleared	Sept. 67 Sept. 67 Sept. 67 Sept. 67 Sept. 66 March 67 March 67	Nov. 66 Jan. 67 May 66	July 66	May 68 March 67	Oct. 68 Dec. 98 Dec. 68 Dec. 68 Jan. 69 Jan. 69 July 68	May 68 Nov. 67 Nov. 67 Nov. 67 Nov. 67 Oct. 67
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Name of Area	Arthur Street	Scotland Road No. 1 No. 2 No. 3 No. 4 No. 5 No. 6 No. 7 No. 8 No. 7

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TOTAL OF UNFIT HOUSES DEALT WITH 1956-71

1956 - 62

Number of houses represented in Clearance Areas	 	1423
Individual unfit houses represented during 7 years	 	130
Houses acquired for demolition by negotiation	 	237
		1700
		1790
1963 - 71		
Number of houses represented in Clearance Areas	 	3627
Individual unfit houses represented during 7 years	 	77
Houses acquired for demolition by negotiation	 	709
Number of houses closed by informal agreement	 	64
		4477

GRAND TOTAL UNFIT HOUSES DEALT WITH 1956-1971 — 6267

NOISE ABATEMENT.

During the year twenty-one complaints of noise nuisance were investigated. Of these five were in relation to industry, seven from commercial activities and nine from domestic premises. Of the latter, seven related to barking dogs and two to noisy behaviour of neighbours. Barking dogs are probably the most difficult to deal with, although the Noise Abatement Act is far from being a very satisfactory piece of legislation for dealing with domestic complaints.

In the main Industrial concerns are quite co-operative in attempting to solve noise problems.

There have been no cases where legal action has been considered necessary.

Details of complaints investigated are as follows:

- (1) **Industrial:** Noise from Saw Mill.

 Observations were made to determine the extent of the noise but the matter was resolved when the saw mill closed down.
- (2) Commercial: Noise from a Club.

 Complaints were of loud music and noise on "entertainment" nights. Cooperation by the Club Management reduced the noise and satisfied the complainant.
- (3) **Industrial:** Noise from Paper Mill. Observations made but no nuisance could be established.
- (4) **Domestic:** Barking Dogs. No nuisance established. It later was discovered that the complainant had complained because she didn't like dogs.
- (5) **Domestic:** Barking Dog. Owner had the dog destroyed.
- (6) **Commercial:** Noise from Club. Management re-arranged the "concert" room and satisfied the complainants.
- (7) **Industrial:** Noise from the delivery of fuel oil late at night. Management re-arranged times of fuel oil deliveries after which no further complaints were received.
- (8) **Domestic:** Barking Dogs. Owner of dogs was co-operative, which resulted in an improvement and no further complaints were received.
- (9) **Commercial:** Noise from Dry Cleaner/Launderette.

 Owner had machinery re-insulated which reduced the noise to satisfaction of complainants.
- (10) **Domestic:** Noisy Lodgers.

 Noise caused by lodgers singing, shouting and having rows late at night. The matter was resolved when they were given notice to quit by the owners.
- (11) **Commercial:** Noise from mixing machine in bakehouse. The occupier of the bakehouse had the machines mounted on rubber pads which greatly reduced noise and vibration.
- (12) **Industrial:** Noise from barking guard dogs.

 The security firm who own the dogs were requested to try changing the dogs for animals less excitable. This they did and after experimenting with different dogs, improvement was effected.

- (13) **Domestic:** Singing of neighbours. No action considered necessary.
- (14) **Industrial:** Foundry.

 A recurrence of trouble experienced last year. The firm have now moved to an industrial estate where it is anticipated that no further complaints will be received.
- (15) **Domestic:** Barking dogs.
 Petition presented to Health Department complaining of noise from dogs.
 Owner moved away from district.
- (16) **Domestic:** Barking dog.
 Recurrence of trouble experienced in 1970. Petition received concerning it.
 Owner solves the problem by getting rid of the dog, but later obtains another and over a period of time has had a number of dogs. He likes big dogs with big barks. The problem has not yet been finally resolved.
- (17) **Domestic:** Barking dogs. Recurrence of trouble experienced last year, of a problem family who keep dogs. Improvements effected are only temporary and then the trouble arises again. Will probably arise again in the future.
- (18) Commercial: Noise from small garage.

 Noise of compressor, hammering and radio on loud volume, sometimes at night. Noise nuisance not definitely established but matter resolved by proprietor moving to other premises.
- (19) **Commercial:** Noise from small garage. Noise caused by vehicles and working late at night. Proprietors advised concerning the matter and no further complaints received.
- (20) Commercial: Noise from a Fish and Chip Shop.

 Noise alleged to occur during the night by owner chopping meat and fish.

 Thought to be a peculiar complaint, but after communicating with the owner no further complaints received.
- (21) **Domestic:** Barking dog.
 Owner of the dog interviewed and complainant satisfied.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1971

(1st January - 31st December)

Report by Mr. N. Morris, Shops and Offices Inspector

Progress continued on Phase II of the Central Area Re-Development, the majority of the shop units being occupied by the end of the year. Joint meetings between the Development Company Representatives, their Architects, the prospective occupiers and their architects and the various Corporation Departments concerned helped to smooth the way when plans were discussed in the initial stages.

Other routine work had, of necessity, to take secondary place to the Central Area.

Registration and General Inspection of Premises

Seventy-one notifications of employment of persons were received during the year and forty-eight were taken off the register.

Nine hundred and twenty-four premises remained on the register at the end of the year.

Three hundred and two General Inspections were carried out.

Details are set out in Appendix I.

Legal Proceedings

No legal action was required during the year.

Accidents

Twenty-one "Notice of Accident" were received, details being as follows:

Ty_1	be of Premises	Cause of Accident	Nature of Injury to Employee
	Licensed Restaurant Office (Telephone	Using knife	Cut hand.
	Exchange)	Falling on stairs.	Sprained foot.
	Office (Bank)	Falling on stairs.	Bruised legs.
	Multiple Store.	Falling on step.	Sprained ankle.
	Retail Shop (Drapers)	Falling on stairs.	Torn ligament in leg.
	Multiple Store.	Falling off chair.	Sprained ankle.
	Multiple Store.	Falling off shelving.	Lacerated finger.
	Licensed Dance Hall.	Falling on floor.	Strained side.
	Wholesale Stockists.	Falling off step ladder.	Sprained ankle.
	Multiple Store.	Struck by falling object.	Bruised leg.
	Retail Shop (Grocers)	Opening door.	Cut finger.
	Office (Bank).	Struck by falling object.	Fractured toes.
	Retail Shop (Footwear).	Struck by falling object.	Cut wrist.
	Multiple Store.	Lifting side of bacon.	Fractured wrist.
	Wholesale Confectioners.	Falling on floor.	Lacerated leg.
10.	Office (Post Office	C1i i hil	Marie la Januara
17	Sorting)	Gas explosion in boiler.	Multiple burns.
17.	Wholesale Builders Merchants.	Struck by side board of	Fractured toe.
10		lorry.	Bruised shin.
	Multiple Store. Licensed Dance Hall.	Struck by falling object.	Fractured arm and
19.	Licensed Dance Hall.	Falling on Floor	shoulder blade.
20	Retail Shop (Grocers).	Falling on stairs.	Sprained ankle.
	Multiple Store.	Handling goods.	Fractured bone in foot.
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In sixteen cases it was considered necessary to investigate. Letters were sent to the occupiers of three of the premises concerned, verbal intimations were given in three other cases, and advice and suggestions made in others.

Health and Welfare Provisions-Contraventions

Cleanliness: (Section 4)

Out of three hundred and two premises inspected, cleanliness was unsatisfactory to some degree in twenty seven cases.

Overcrowding: (Section 5)

In three premises the number of persons employed in a particular room exceeded that permitted.

Temperature: (Section 6(2))

Where work does not involve severe physical effort a temperature of 16°C (60.8°F) must be maintained after the first hour. In four cases the temperature was found to be below that required.

Thermometers: (Section 6(4))

A sufficient number of thermometers was not provided in fifty three premises. In some of these cases thermometers had been provided but were broken, others were not registering correctly.

Ventilation: (Section 7)

Ventilation of some part of the premises was regarded as inadequate in twenty-one cases.

Lighting: (Section 8)

In four cases the lighting of some part of the premises was considered to be not sufficient or suitable.

Sanitary Conveniences: (Section 9-Sanitary Conveniences Regs. 1964)

In sixty cases the Sanitary Conveniences were in some way unsuitable. In three cases numbers were insufficient.

Washing Facilities: (Section 10—The Washing Facilities Regs. 1964)

In twenty seven cases unsuitable washing facilities were provided, whilst in five the facilities were considered insufficient.

Drinking Water: (Section 11)

In no cases was the supply of drinking water inadequate.

Accommodation for Clothing: (Section 12)

In one instance only was there inadequate accommodation for outdoor clothing.

Sitting Facilities: (Section 13)

Suitable facilities are to be provided at suitable places for employees to sit when the opportunity arises. In two cases none were provided.

Seats for Sedentary Work: (Section 14)

Where work is, or can be done sitting, suitable seats, and where necessary, foot rests are to be provided. In all instances those provided were considered suitable.

Eating Facilities: (Section 15)

Where employees in shops eat meals there, suitable and sufficient facilities are to be provided. The arrangements were satisfactory in all of the premises visited.

Floors, Passages and Stairs: (Section 16)

In fifty two cases some cause for complaint was found. In many instances the handrail to the stairs was inadequate or non-existent, in others, worn treads, worn nosings to treads, defective floor coverings and badly worn floor boards accounted for a number of the unsatisfactory conditions.

Fencing of Exposed Parts of Machinery: (Section 17—The Prescribed Dangerous Machine Order, 1964)

Every dangerous part of any machinery used, as or forming part of, the equipment of premises, shall be securely fenced unless so positioned or constructed as to be safe. In twelve instances machinery was found to be inadequately fenced.

First Aid: (Section 24—The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises First Aid Order, 1964)

A First Aid Box had not been provided at many of the premises inspected, in other cases the Box did not contain the necessary requisites and appliances. Sixty five contraventions were found, due mainly to non-replacement of used materials.

Disposal of Sanitary Dressings: (The Sanitary Conveniences Regulations, 1964) At two premises the arrangements for the disposal of sanitary dressings was not satisfactory.

Dangerous Conditions and Practices: (Section 22)

In five cases conditions existed where there was an element of danger.

Exemption from Certain Provisions: (Section 46)

No applications for exemptions were received or granted.

Abstract: (Section 50—The Information for Employees Regulations 1965)

The Regulations require an employer to keep on display an Abstract of the Act, or to give each employee a specified explanatory booklet. In eighty two instances this Regulation was not complied with.

Details and summary of contraventions found and remedied are shown in Appendix II.

General

The continuing good liaison and co-operation with H.M. Factory Inspectorate, The Building Design Partnership, Laing Property Services Ltd. and various Corporation Departments has facilitated the enforcement of the Act and Regulations somewhat, and this has been noticeable during the construction and fitting out of Phase II of the Central Area Re-development and the increased building activity in other parts of the town.

Plans submitted, covering all aspects of building, continue to increase and these have all been inspected and I thank the Borough Surveyor's Department for their co-operation.

APPENDIX I.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS DURING 1971.

Analysis of persons tered in registreed premises by workplace at 31.12.71	4077	3280	735	772	21	10	8895
No. on Register	323	471	58	89	3	1	924
Premises subtracted on Re-classification	4	:	:	:	:	:	4
No. taken off Register during 1971	14	26	1	7	:		48
Premises added on Re-classification	:	2	:	1	:	1	4
No. of Premises Registered during	20	45	2	4	:	:	71
Accidents Investigated	4	8	2	2	:	:	16
Accidents Notified	4	11	3	3	:	:	21
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Premises where Contraventions Remedied	09	71	10	22	:	:	163
Verbal Intimation Given	5	10	3	2	:	1	21
Contravention Letter Sent	40	58	7	11	:	:	116
Premises where Contraventions Found	45	89	10	13	:	1	137
Total Number	260	508	47	118	:	1	934
Number of General Inspections	101	151	23	26	:	1	302
Number on Register at 1.1.71.	321	450	57	70	3	:	901
CLASS OF PREMISES	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops/Warehouses	Catering Establishments	Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots	TOTALS

APPENDIX II

DETAILS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND AND REMEDIED.

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CLASS OF PREMISES			Outstanding		Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops Warehouses	Catering Establishments	Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots	TOTALS	Outstanding 31.12.71

SUMMARY:

No. of contraventions outstanding, 1.1.71 ... 1220

No. of contraventions found during 1971 ... 428

No. of contraventions remedied during 1971 ... 615

No. of contraventions outstanding 31.12.71 ... 1033

AIR POLLUTION

Report by Mr. J. Pye, Smoke Abatement Officer

Control of Pollution from Industrial Sources

Standards of permitted levels of emission of grit and dust, and revised procedural methods for taking samples from chimneys and flues were included in Regulations which came into operation during the year, and being made under the Acts of 1956 and 1968 served to stimulate a degree of reflection on the effectiveness of the latter Act after three years of operation.

The Act attempts, inter alia, to remedy shortcomings of the earlier Act and in the main is successful. There are two major shortcomings; the first relates to the control (or evident lack of it) of chimney heights where no amendment to the size of the boiler or furnace plant has taken place but where a change from low to high sulphur fossil fuel has been effected with the consequent net increase in emissions of sulphur oxides from an existing (i.e. pre-1968) chimney and which is now too low. Additionally a chimney which may be defective can be lowered in height without apparent stricture or contravention.

The second shortcoming relates to the sale of bituminous coal from the corner shop in a smoke control area. It is so easy for householders, who for any reason have run out of solid smokeless fuel, to buy a bag of coal under these circumstances, and in some districts fuel is bought by this hand-tomouth method almost exclusively. Sales to persons living within smoke control areas should be limited to smokeless fuels as is the case where fuel is delivered and sold.

The Alkali and Works Order 1971 de-scheduled from control under the Alkali Act works where iron or steel is melted in air or rotary furnaces, and two such furnaces in use in a local foundry consequently came under the control of this Local Authority. There are other processes which, because control of their operations involves a fuel technological discipline, in the main, rather than one of chemical engineering could without detriment revert to Local Authority control.

During the year twelve complaints were received of nuisance or of emissions from industrial plant. In two instances of complaint of grit, it was found after investigation that the grit complained of was from road repairs. All other complaints were investigated and remedial measures implemented where necessary.

Two warnings were given in respect of the indiscriminate burning of plastics, one in the open and the other at the base of an otherwise-disused chimney. As P.V.C. fume is hazardous, advice was given as to the safe method

of disposal by incineration using an adequately sized chimney.

Visits were additionally made during the year in connection with the installation of two boilers and eight air heaters; 26 interviews were held with Plant Engineers or Managers respecting proposed changes or defects to plant. Three changes of fuel — from solid to either liquid or gaseous — took place on boiler plant. One chimney which is just inside the Borough and where the Factory and offices are not, was lowered in height without prior consultation and apparently without contravention of so-called modern legislation! Several visits were made to adjust or maintain plant at the Disinfecting Station

for which I appear to have assumed responsibility.

Also during the year applications were received for approval of the height of twelve chimneys. All were approved (mostly conditionally) including one where an exemption granted in 1970 had expired and where amendments to the chimney's constructional material were required as a condition of subsequent approval. One application was re-submitted with amendments after approval had been given and the amended proposals approved.

Four chimneys serving air heaters in one Factory, and one in another were erected without approval and the furnaces installed without submission of prior notice of intention to do so. The firms concerned in both offences were

warned.

Notice was received during the year of proposals to install gas/oil-standby boilers at the Royal Infirmary, a proposal which is widely acclaimed as the present boiler plant is a source of considerable smoke and soot nuisance.

I am appreciative of the continued co-operation of Mr. W. Williams, Chief Fire Officer, and his staff; and also that from the District Alkali Inspectors.

Smoke Control Areas and Control of Pollution from Domestic Chimneys

The year opened with what was regarded almost as a hardy annual — a threatened shortage of solid smokeless fuel. The Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Smoke Control Orders had been suspended from 1st November 1970, but in the event, little difficulty was experienced in supplying smokeless fuels in the interim until the suspension expired on the 30th April and before that date there had been discreet overtures made to the Corporation to lift the suspension so as to clear mounting stocks of open-fire smokeless fuels at the Distribution Depot. There were less householders burning coal during the suspension period than was anticipated and the amount of additional smoke was thereby gratifyingly at a minimum. Nevertheless there was the hard core of unco-operative householders who persisted in making smoke after the suspension had expired on the grounds that they were burning up stocks acquired during the suspension, and the ill effects of allowing bituminous coal into an operative area, for whatever reason, persists for an unwarrantable time beyond set limits and enforcement is extremely difficult.

By Summer the end of stop-go supplies of solid smokeless fuels was announced and Local Authorities could plan for the future with confidence. Despite shortages of solid smokeless fuels in this and previous years it is of particular interest to note the drastic reduction in smoke emissions and the concentrations noted during the ten years during which the National Survey

of Atmospheric Pollution has been carried out.

In a paper presented to the Annual Conference of the National Society for Clean Air held in Folkestone in November, Dr. Craxford and Mesdames Weatherley & Gooriah demonstrated that smoke concentrations had reduced from 138 to 63 micrograms per cubic metre within the United Kingdom with a similar spectacular reduction in smoke emissions, the downward trend being achieved despite a 9% increase in population and a 29% increase in annual gross energy consumption. Such smoke as is yet to be further reduced arises in the main from the domestic chimney (approx. 80% of the total) and because of its low level of discharge accounts for nearer 90% of concentrations at ground level. There is therefore every justification for sustained effort in the field of domestic smoke control.

In anticipation therefore of assurances of availability of supplies of all smokeless fuels, the Corporation in January reviewed its objectives and authorised an acceleration of the Smoke Control Programme so as to double the rate of progress when fuel became fully available. During this year prep-

aratory work on the Nos. 12 and 13 Orders was undertaken. The No. 11 Order was made in May, and in August was confirmed. The No. 10 Order became operative on the 1st July.

As respects these Orders, the following visits were made:

Surveys: Industrial and Commercial premises	150
Domestic	565
Inspections of works of adaptation	1107
Miscellaneous visits to give advice etc.	626
Visits re contraventions: Industrial	_
Domestic	48
Ineffectual visits, i.e. access not gained on first visit	414
Interviews etc. held in office	2094

In addition to warning letters sent regarding the contraventions and one reported for further proceedings to be taken, two letters were sent to Merchants regarding the delivery and the sale of unauthorised fuel in smoke control areas.

A notice served in 1970 to reinstate a chimney serving a domestic heating boiler was complied with. Investigations into dampness on chimney breasts when gas fires were in use were carried out in two houses and remedial measures advised upon.

General

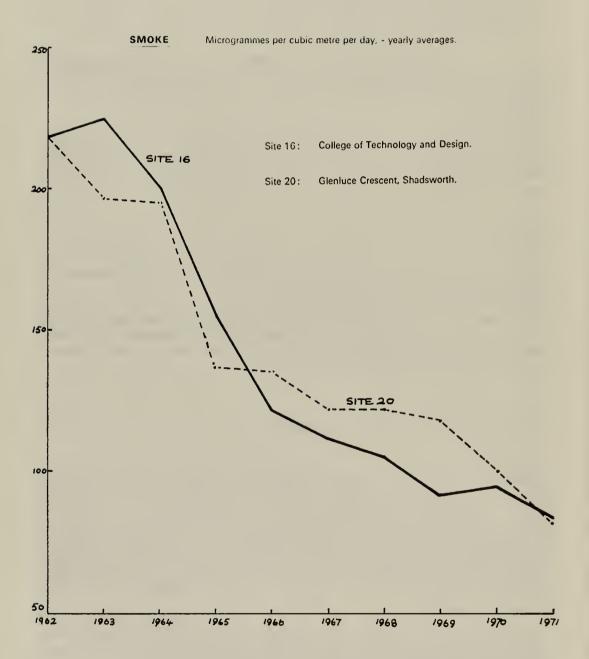
I addressed several local organisations during the year and a broadcast on topics relating to air pollution on local radio.

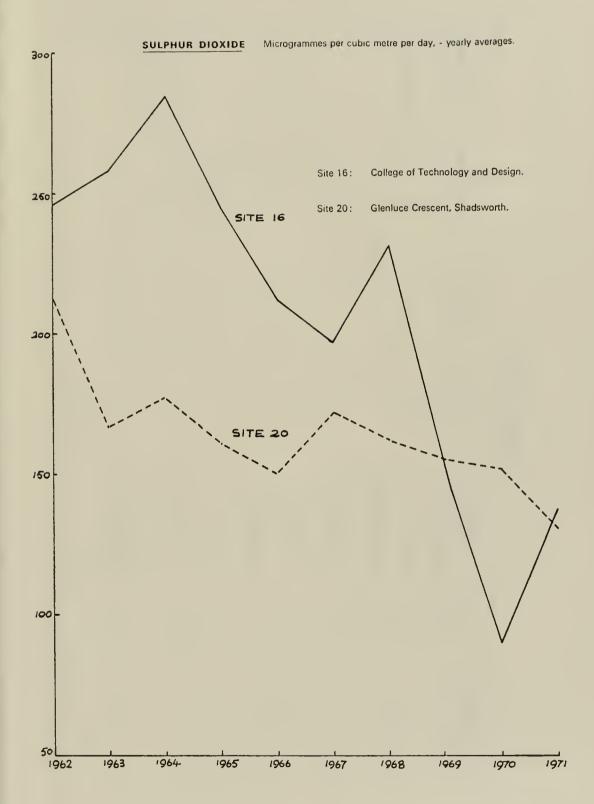
In November I was privileged to attend the Annual Conference held in Folkestone of the National Society for Clean Air. The mobile unit of the Solid Smokeless Fuels Federation paid visits to declared and proposed Smoke Control Areas within the Borough.

Detection and Measurement of Pollution

Through a series of consecutive defects with a meter and air pump, the volumetric gauge sited in Glenluce Crescent was inoperable for four months of the year. Interrupted electricity supplies further affected the use of the instrument and consequently the results for 1971 are far from being complete. Nevertheless such results as are available have been considered to be fairly representative of a near-stable level of pollution to be expected from a mainly unchanging environment in the immediate vicinity of the gauge. The results from this and the gauge on the roof of the College of Technology & Design are set out overleaf.

I am grateful for the continued co-operation and assistance respecting the operation of the gauges by Dr. Rose, Principal, and Mr Hargreaves of the Chemistry Department of the College of Technology & Design.





PROGRESS REPORT

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Insoluble Matter

Yearly Averages in Milligrams per Square Metre per Day.

College of Technology & Design
80 90‡ 87 68 102* 99 84

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Table 7

Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the year

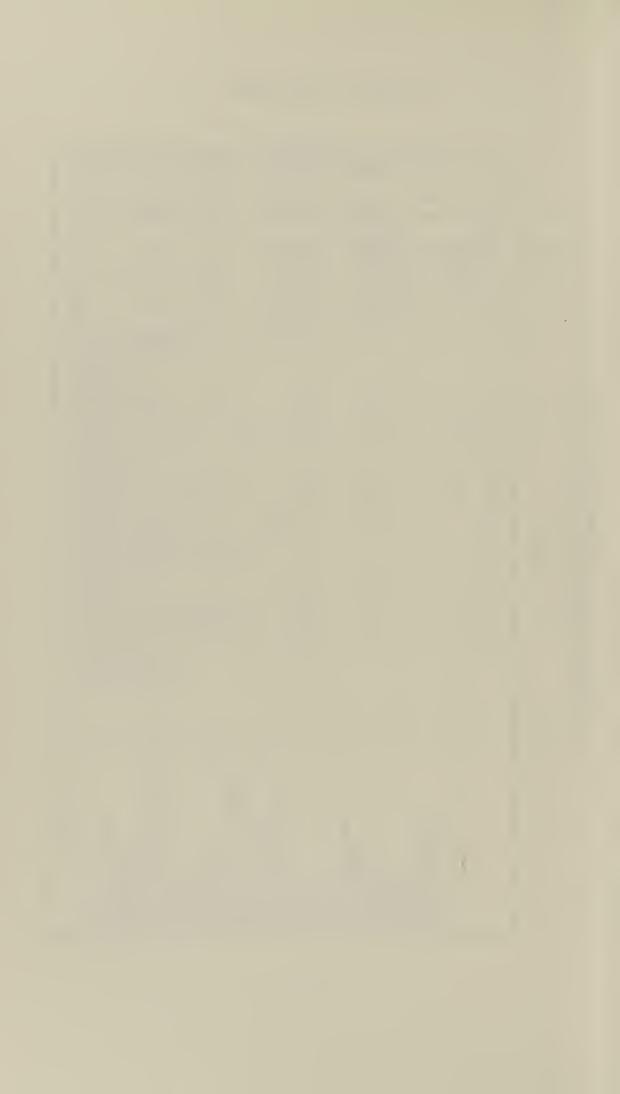
Notifiable Disease	Number of Notifica- tions Received	Number of Cases in which Di- agnosis was subsequ'ly corrected	Corrected number of notifica- tions	Number admitted to hospital
Acute Encephalitis Acute Meningitis Anthrax Cholera Diphtheria Dysentery Food Poisoning Infective Jaundice Leprosy Leptospirosis Malaria Measles Ophthalmia Neonatorum Paratyphoid Fever Plague Poliomyelitis (Paralytic) Poliomyelitis (Non Paralytic) Relapsing Fever Scarlet Fever Smallpox Tetanus Tuberculosis (Pulmonary) Tuberculosis (other forms) Typhoid Fever	1 52 52 19 535 4 577 1 944 333 1		1	1 24 12 2 21 1 51 9 1
Whooping Cough Yellow Fever Totals	858		858	129

NUMBER OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

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	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
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1 O I ALS	201	1027	24,6	170	1271	C121	7	200	100	200	3



COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE STATISTICAL DETAILS

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL DETAILS ON THE CARE OF EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL AGE

Table 9

Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinic Attendances

Sessions	Held	Women in	Attendance	
Medical Officers	Midwives	Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	Total No. of Attendances
229	329	592	93	2506

Table 10 Ante-Natal Mothercraft and Relaxation

No. of women who attended during the year		Institutio Domicili			336 10
	(c)	Total	• •	• •	346
No. of attendances					925

Table 11 Examinations Carried Out at Ante-Natal Clinics

								Total
Rh. Factor-Women			• •		• •		• •	508
Men			• •			• •	• •	-
Kahn Test-Women		• •		• •	• •	• •	• •	397
—Men		• •			• •	• •		_
Wasserman Test-Wome	e n	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	_
Men				• •	• •	• •	• •	
Tests for Antibodies				• •	• •	• •	• •	14
Haemoglobin Estimation		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	806
Fasting Blood Sugar			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	2
Pregnancy Tests			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	10
Referred to Special Clin			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	_
" " "Heart Clinic				• •	• •	• •	• •	_
", ", Obstetrician				• •	• •	• •	• •	27
", ", for X-Ray (• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	3
" " X-Ray (Pelv	vimetry)			• •		• •		4
Full Blood Counts	••	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	19

Table 12

CONSULTANT CLINICS

I am indebted to Dr. L. Read, Consultant Venereologist, for the following report on the Special Clinic:

35 new patients attended the ante-natal discharge clinic.

Males 1 Females 34

The 34 female cases were divided up as follows:

- 5 babies requiring adoption.
- 2 Trichomonas.
- 4 Monilia.
- 1 Scabies.
- 1 Warts.
- 5 non-specific vaginal discharge requiring treatment.
- 22 discharges not requiring treatment.

On the pathological side specimens were taken 70 times for culture to exclude a gonococcus. The total attendance was 58 for the year.

As you will see there has been a marked drop in cases from Moral Welfare and it was with regret that I wrote to you suggesting that this clinic should be terminated.

L. READ, Consultant Venereologist

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY.

ATTENDANCES:				
Blackburn Patients			479	
Out of Borough Patients			33	
	701		510	
	Total	• •	512	
Depart Camana				
Repeat Smears			From 1st	3-Year
			Attenders	Re-visits
Blackburn Patients			8	279
Out of Borough Patients	• •	• • •	_	41
	Total	• •	8	320
COMPLETE NUMBER OF S	MEARS	Taken	489	
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ATTENDANCES AT CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

	GRAND			2732	6831	18615 10754	29479	9200	161 270	:
	TOTAL (EAST)			2133	4464	9607 5244	14961	3211	161 270	:
	Glenluce			06	236	964	1568	405	15 80	32
	Suide			27	92	307 176	483	225	79 79	21
z	Newton St.	Thur		167	446	1780 905	2685	674	::	54
DIVISION		Mon		259	353	1309 624	1933	627	::	45
	Larkhill			196	969	1408 1213	2621	477	67	28
EAST	Hozier Street			1161	1986	57 109	166	147	::	46
	Cornelian Street			28	172	887 501	1388	215	::	30
	(2 sessions	Thur		70	184	1665 670	2335	286	::	51
	Little Harwood	Mon		105	315	1230 542	1772	185	::	41
	TOTAL (WEST)			299	2367	9008 5510	14518	3289	::	:
z	Lammack			46	153	851 629	1480	359	::	29
DIVISION	Bentham Road			132	891	980	1644	328	::	45
DIO	медsgaoД			130	339	2533 1597	4130	346	::	84
WEST	amirə			93	288	1462 806	2268	708		46
-	Montague			135	411	1739 628	2367	877	::	50
	Leamington Road			63	285	1 1443		671	::	57
			INFANTS—	New Cases under One	Total Number attending during the year	Attendances—Under 1 1443 —Over 1 1186	Total Attendances of Infants 2629	Consultations with Dr.	MOTHERCRAFT— Number of Cases	Average Attendance of Infants per session

DENTAL SERVICE FOR EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS

]	Number of Visits for Treatment							
		during ye	ar		ildren 4 (incl.)		spectant ing Mo	
	First Visit	• •			224		71	
	Subsequent Visits				147		95	
	Total Vis				371		166	
	Number of Additional Course than the First Course comm				3		3	
	Treatment provided during ye				136		68	
	Teeth Filled	••			129		65	
	Teeth Extracted	•••		• •	373	• •	144	
	General Anaesthetics given	••			56	• •	17	
	Emergency Visits by Patients	• •	••		155	• •	42	
	Patients X-Rayed		••	• •		• •		
	Patients Treated by Scaling ar Stains from the teeth (Propl	nd/or Ren	oval of		1		1	
	Number of Courses of Treatm		· ·	• •	105	• •	38	
Doet	B. Prosthetics							
IMIL								
	Patients Supplied with F.U. of	r F.L. (Fi	rst time	2)	• •	5		
	Patients Supplied with Other	Dentures	• •	• •	• •	5		
	Number of Dentures Supplied	l	••	• •	••	11		
Part	C. Anaesthetics							
	General Anaesthetics Adminis	tered by I	Dental (Office	rs	_		
Part	D. Inspections							
	· ·			Ch	ildren	Fv	pectant	R.
					(incl.)	Nurs	ing Mo	hers
	Number of Patients							
	Given First Inspections d	uring yea	r		261		52	
	In A and D above who re			t	101		46	
	In B and C above who we	_			93		45	
			LICULAL		6	••	3	
	Re-inspected during year	••	••	• •	U	••	3	
Part	E. Sessions							
	Number of Dental Officer Sess Complete Half days) devoted	sions (i.e.	Equival	lent				
	Child Welfare Patients:	For Trea		-			73	
	Cand wenate l'attents.	For Hea		ontine		• •	15	
		ror mea	iui cau	Cation		• •		

PARTICULARS OF DAY NURSERIES

(Transferred to Social Services Department October, 1971)

Table 14

	Holden House	Church Hill House	Stancliffe Street	Lincoln Road	Albion Street	Total
Number of Approved Places						
0-2 Years	5	8	8	8	8	37
2-5 Years	26	34	40	44	40	184
Totals	31	42	48	52	48	221
Number of Children on the Register at end of Year:						
0-2 Years	3	12	8	11	11	45
2-5 Years	26	26	33	37	33	155
Totals	29	38	41	48	44	200
Total attendances during the year:						
0—2 Years	1302	2436	1861	2186	1756	9541
2-5 Years	5236	5416	6899	6491	6853	30895
Totals	6538	7852	8760	8677	8609	40436

Table 15

Home Visits by Health Visitors

	WEST DIVISION	EAST DIVISION	TOTAL
Early Discharge	37	94	131
Expectant Mothers	525	674	1 19 9
Infants under 1 year	5165	5277	10442
Infants 1—2 years	2841	3791	6632
Children 2—5 years	3853	5782	963 5
Problem Families	716	1110	1826
Families with problems	1248	1897	3145
Maternity Assessment	355	348	703
Screening Tests	853	715	1568
Misc. (M. & CH.) Visits	342	874	1216
Care of Aged	6120	5834	11954
Care/After Care	3108	3993	71 01
Mentally Disordered	117	261	378
Other Hospital Discharges	47	58	105
Tuberculosis	98	1680	1778
Other Infectious Diseases	95	96	191
Chiropody	21	13	34
Hostels	l 95	124	219
Home Accidents	203	453	656
Immigrants	1207	650	1857
Physically Handicapped		258	491
Miscellaneous (P. & AC.)	284	569	853
m . 1	05560	2.4551	60114
Total	27563	34551	62114
Ineffective Visits	4104	4364	846 8
GRAND TOTAL	31667	38915	70582

Visits at Special Request of G.P. or Hospital: (i) Aged 65 or over (ii) Mentally Disordered (iii) Hospital Discharges	7	146 27 31	258 34 61
	WEST	EAST	TOTAL
Health Education—Talks Mothers' Clubs Discussions with other Social Workers	40 22 4 1	163 233 4184	185 273 6425
Students in Training	165	193	358

HEALTH VISITING — CASE LOADS OF SPECIAL GROUPS

Table 16

	Children	D 1.1	Handio	apped	Care and	
District	Children "At Risk"	Problem Families	Under 16	Over 16	After Care Cases	Aged
West No. 1	41	_	8	_	35	_
2	29	_	2	_	116	4
3	14	_	4	_	31	_
4	23	1	7	_	48	_
5	26	2	2		69	17
6	17	_	1	_	28	_
6A	20	_	9	_	56	
7	21	_	15	_	68	_
8	46		5	_	44	
9	20	_	_	10	32	
9л	32	3	3	14	29	_
10	36	_	9	_	81	69
11	22	_	12	_	12	
11A	21	1	3	_	35	_
East No. 1	34	_	13	22	165	_
2	32	_	6	1	21	_
2A	56	_	3	4	50	_
3	30	_	6	6	67	_
3A	36	_	10	6	56	_
4	38	_	9	8	86	_
4A	19	2	10	6	89	_
5	30	3	10	11	115	
6	27	4	11	14	51	_
7	24	_	1	4	64	_
8	68	27	7	22	32	_
9	44	4	_	5	64	_
10	34	_	3	4	94	
11	52	1	17	18	105	
12	39	9	19	5	87	
13	27	7	8	21	138	_
Totals West	368	7	80	24	684	90
East	5 90	57	133	157	1284	_
Grand Total	958	64	213	181	1968	90

Table 17
CLINIC SESSIONS ATTENDED

	WEST DIVISION	EAST DIVISION	TOTALS
Maternity and Child Health Centres	342	427	76 9
Paediatric	78	197	275
Geriatric	45	43	88
Chest	10	19	29
Special	38	62	100
Ante-Natal	42	104	146
Prophylactic	3 8	112	150
School Clinics and others	681	1203	1884
TOTALS	1274	2167	3441

Notification of Births

The following Table shows the number of notified births in the County Borough during 1971.

Of the 2,368 live babies born to Blackburn mothers, 2,092 were Hospital deliveries.

All live births belonging to other areas were born in Hospital.

	Live Births	Still Births	Total
Blackburn	1876	3 9	1915
Transferred to other areas	1090	30	1120
Total	2966	69	3035

Care of the Unmarried Mother and her Child

The Blackburn and District Association for Family Social Work continues to deal with cases on behalf of the Local Authority.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY 1971

	Doctor not booked	Doctor booked	Cases delivered in hospital but discharged before 10th day
No. of Confinements attended		168	1514

Doctor present a	t deliv	rery	 	3
Trilene Administ	ered		 	118
Pethedine given			 	85
Night Calls			 	10 0

Table 18.

MIDWIFERY STATISTICS 1961 — 1971

	-	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Live Births	:	1665	1791	1750	1798	1777	1805	1861	1848	1842	1935	1888
Stillbirths	:	34	45	36	\$	29	29	25	30	36	31	39
Birth Rate		15.71	16.93	16.66	17.35	17.24	17.73	18.44	18.4	18.4	19.3	20.00
Midwives—												
No. of confinements attended	:	498	267	516	495	440	394	348	245	184	160	168
(a) Doctor present	:	48	32	46	34	:	:	10	∞	œ	4	εn.
Our Lady of Compassion	:	:	184	164	191	135	125	110	168	135	143	111
Hospital Discharges before 10th day	:	221	423	287	526	544	786	1078	1274	1297	1549	1514
No. of Visits to Early Discharges	:	2019	2460	2035	3038	3044	4769	5843	9895	7304	8627	7954

Home Nursing

The following table indicates the work carried out by the District Nursing Service in 1971:

Table 19

Cases outstanding on	1st Janu	ary, 1971		 	 	782
New Cases				 	 	2356
Number of Visits .		• •		 	 	84,926
Cases outstanding on	31st De	cember, 19	71	 	 	839

True of Coop	Number of		
Type of Case	Cases	Visits	
Medical	1399 638 7 97 90 57 850	48357 8494 57 4640 857 509 22102	
Totals	3138	85016	
Patients included in the above who were over 65 at the time of the first visit	1109	56905	
Children included in the above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit	68	671	
Patients who have had more than 24 visits during the year	65	27421	
Patients included in the above who have had an enema prior to X-Ray	2	4	
Patients included in the above who have had injections only	636	27509	

The number of visits carried out has varied over the past few years as follows:

1966	Total v	isits	73,619
1967	>>	22	70,808
1968	>>	22	73,215
1969	>>	,,	76,193
1970	>>	"	80,281
1971	>>	22	85,016

Vaccination and Immunisation

The 1971 statistics of prophylaxis are in the tables below.

Table 20

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis

Number of Primary Courses completed and Reinforcement Doses given during the Year 1971

				Year o	F BIRTH		
	1971	1970	1969	1968	1964/67	Others Under 16 years	Total
DIPHTHERIA							
Primary Course	10	603	544	96	124	65	1442
Booster			1	3	410	169	583
WHOOPING COUGH							
Primary Course	9	595	538	90	41	2	1275
Booster		• • •	1	3	30	4	3 8
TETANUS							
Primary Course	10	603	544	96	156	795	2204
Booster		••	3	4	574	45 5	1036
Poliomyelitis							
Primary Course Oral	7	557	513	86	291	97	1551
Booster)	••	1	2	2	624	1264	1893

Table 21

	Given	No. of Doses		
Type of Vaccine	by	Primary	Booster	
Quadruple (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis)	G.P.s only			
Triple (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus)	L.A. Drs. and G.P.s	1275	39	
Diphtheria/Tetanus	L.A. Drs. and G.P.s	254	737	
Tetanus	L.A. Drs. and G.P.s	670 399	247 14	

Table 22

Yellow Fever

Year	Perso	ons Vaccinated
1961		114
1962		216
1963		313
1964	• • • •	401
1965		404
1966		349
1967		289
1968		424
1969		549
1970		650
1971		668

Table 23
Primary Smallpox from 1962 to 1971

Age Group	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Under 1 yr	230	28	55	33	45	13	8	8	1	4
1 year	451	97	386	262	299	657	1043	873	683	361
2 years	162	16	31	48	272	108	188	155	106)	
3 years	151	5	8	11	75	83	96	87	25 >	221
4 years	113	3	4	6	29	65	41	55	14)	
5—14 years	903	28	27	23	67	34	99	59	15	48
15 and over		78	111	101	396	119	63	69		• •
TOTALS	4403	255	622	484	1183	1079	1538	1306	844	634

Table 24

Tuberculosis

Number of Contact Examinations	• •	• •	• •	• •	577
Number of Heaf's Multiple Puncture Tests of	Conta	cts	• •		577
Number negative and given B.C.G				• •	295
Number positive		• •		• •	200
Number of Annual Tests (M.P.) of children pages Vaccination of School Children:	reviou	sly vacc	inated	••	••
Number of Invitations sent		• •			1618
Number Accepted		• •		• •	1093
Number Heaf Tested		• •	• •		997
Number Positive					197
Number Negative and Vaccinated		• •			687
Number of Positive Readings		• •	••	• •	509

Measles

This immunisation scheme was introduced during 1970. Local General General Practitioners gave the following protective doses:

Year of Birth	East	West	Total
1960	_	_	_
1961	1	_	1
1962	1	1	2
1963	_	_	_
1964	_	1	1
1965	3	3	6
1966	12	2	14
1967	32	9	41
1968	38	9	47
1969	133	15	148
1970	126	4	130

Tetanus

Since January, with the co-operation of the staff of the Accident and Medical Records Departments of the Royal Infirmary, Blackburn, adult residents who attend as casualties are sent for to complete their ante-tetanus injections at Montague and Larkhill Health Centres. 197 Patients completed such courses during the year.

Children referred following an accident are automatically included in the school or pre-school programmes.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

Report on the Annual Mass Radiography Survey held in Blackburn from January to March.

		Males		Female.	s	Total
		1142		476		1618
Refer	rals	16		10		26
		4908		2303		7211
• •		259		208		467
		6325		2997		9322
	Refer		1142 Referrals 16 4908 259	1142 Referrals 16 4908 259	1142 476 Referrals 16 10 4908 2303 259 208	1142 476 Referrals 16 10 4908 2303 259 208

Findings:

Eleven cases of tuberculosis requiring close Clinic supervision or treatment.

Two cases of tuberculosis requiring supervision at the Chest Clinic. Three cases of malignant neoplasm.

Nine cases of non-malignant neoplasm.

Two cases of Sarcoids.

Forty-six cases of Acquired Cardiac Abnormalities and abnormalities of Vascular System.

Three cases of Pneumoconiosis without P.M.F.

Dr. J. I. Capper, Medical Director, has sent the following report on the work of the Unit in Blackburn during 1971.

"I attach a report for the work done by the mobile X-Ray Unit for the

year of 1971 with a comparison with the previous year.

With a reduction of the Mass Radiography Service of about 60% during 1969 in the region, the work of the Unit has had to be progressively altered. We are no longer able to visit factories on a rotational basis in the town and now confine our attention to those with a high percentage of immigrant labour or a high dust problem; the process or industrial notification of Tuberculosis has been implemented to help us in this matter. At the same time General Practitioner Sessions were started fortnightly at the Montague Health Centre and here we x-ray cases referred by General Practitioners and yourself, school teachers, people in contact with children and recent immigrants to the country. In this way we have endeavoured to make the Unit capable of coping with the problems arising in the town of Blackburn.

The total number x-rayed in the town has more than doubled in the two years under review, as has the number of people attending the General Practitioner Sessions. The rise in the number of cases of Tuberculosis from 15 to 45 (42 immigrants) at the General Practitioner Sessions will be noted. The latter figure represents the Tuberculosis rate of 14 per 1,000. The over all Tuberculosis rate as far as our work in Blackburn is concerned is 4.2 per 1,000, nine times the national average.

There is obviously room for intensification of the ways and means of dealing with the Tuberculosis problem in the town and as we are no longer able to perform the old type of Mass Radiography survey with the means at our disposal, perhaps the situation should be reviewed in the near future".

	Number X-rayed 1970	1971	Number of Cases 1970	1971	Rate 1,000) 1970	1971
General Practitioner and Medical Officer of Health Referral Sessions	1,522	3,186	15 (11 Immigrants)	45 (42 Immigrants)	9.86	14.12
Industry and General Public Sessions. (including Special Contact	5,110	10,491	9 (5 Immigrants)	12 (11 Immigrants)	1.76	1.14
Surveys)				_	—	
TOTALS	6,632	13,677	24	57	3.62	4.16
				_		

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Table 26

	Ambulance Running duris	ng the	year	ended	31st	March,	19	71:
1.	Number of operational vehicl	es at 31	st Ma	rch, 197	1:			
	(a) Ambulances 2/4 stretch			• •		• •	• •	8 7
	(b) Dual-purpose vehicles,(c) Sitting-Case vehicles	1 stretc.	ner 	• •	• •	• •	• •	1
	(c) Sitting-Case venicles	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	-	
								16
2	Tetal Mileson							
۷.	Total Mileage: (a) Ambulances 2/4 stretche	ers						109,134
	(b) Other vehicles	••			• •	••		110,992
							-	222.424
								220,126
3.	Number of Persons carried:							
	(a) Accident or Emergency	:						
	Stretcher cases	• •	• •		• •	• •	• •	2,514
	Sitting cases (b) Others:	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	2,408
	Stretcher cases		• •			• •		5,452
	Sitting cases							
	(c) Others: Non-Section	27 case	es	• •		• •	• •	8,194
4.	Patients carried by Rail:							
	(a) Number of Persons	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	61 5 103
	(b) Mileage	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	5,193
	Number of operational staff							35
	Number of Ambulance Station	ns	• •		• •	• •		1
	Population of Service Area Acreage of Service Area	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	112,440
٥.	Acteage of Service Area	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	22,080

COLOSTOMY

I am indebted to Mrs. J. E. Watson for the following report:

"A Colostomy Advisory Service, staffed by members of the Colostomy Welfare Group was started at Larkhill Health Centre on 1st September, 1971. By the end of the year 30 cases had been seen, involving 120 visits.

Sessions are held each Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Patients are seen in hospital after operation, then at home following discharge. To date, approximately 2/3 cases are "other areas" i.e. Wigan, Oldham etc.

Blackburn cases:

Sources:	General Practitioners	4
	Health Visitor	1
	Medical Officer of Health	1
	Royal Infirmary	1
	Plus a few private inquiries	

I have expressed my concern previously regarding lack of publicity, as the above figures show. Senior Staff (Nursing) at the Royal Infirmary appear to be co-operative but information does not seem to get to **Ward** level. As an example, a patient operated upon at Queen's Park Hospital asked a nurse for post operative advice. He was told to write to London!

I would hope that during 1972, information is passed to patients with a consequent increase in our activities".

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The expected expanding workload of the Occupational Therapy Staff did not in fact materialise because Miss Entwisle left in December 1970 and it proved impossible to replace her with a qualified member of staff.

Consequently, sessions at the hostels, baths and the Open Air School had to be cut to enable the remaining Occupational Therapist to cope with the

work.

The number of registered physically handicapped rose rapidly in 1971, mainly due to the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons' Act 1970.

A further ten purpose-built properties were envisaged for 1972, to be built on the Ashworth Estate, six for two persons and four bungalow type dwellings.

Workshop Session	ns	 	374
Hostel		 	74
Other visits		 	184
Domiciliary		 	921
Blackamoor		 	30
Hydrotherapy		 	3

At the end of 1971, the attendances at the Workshops were

Handcraft Sheltered Work Therapy		2393 16753 491
	Total	19637

The Occupational Therapist continued to provide Aids for Daily Living throughout the year, and when the Social Services Department became operative in September 1971, Mrs. Price assumed responsibility for all adaptations to properties for physically handicapped.

Aids to	Doily	Livina	iccurd	:	the vear.
Aids to	Dally	Living	issued	ın	tne vear.

Walking A	ids		 	24
Personal to	oilet a	ids	 	15
Special tab	lewar	e	 	11
Seats			 	2
Dressing			 	16
Lifting			 	7
Trolley			 	1
Handrails			 	14
Shaver			 	_
Bath aids			 	47
Household			 	13

Housing applications, bus passes and suitability for Workshop training were the major reasons for initial domiciliary visits by the Occupational Therapist:

Bus Passes		 	36
Housing applica	ations	 	53

The majority of these people were not on the handicapped register and many of them required further visits for Aids to Daily Living and adaptations to property.

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Superannuation Examinations

Number of questionnaires	 	471
Number of Superannuation Examinations	 	94
Number of Training College Candidates and		
Temporary Teacher Examinations	 	137

Burials and Cremations

CREMATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health and Deputy Medical Officer of Health are the medical referees for the authorising of cremations under the Cremation Acts.

During 1971, 1387 cremations were authorised (864 Borough, 523 out of Borough).

BURIALS (now transferred to Social Services)

During the year, arrangements for burial were made in 5, and for cremation in 13 cases at a total cost of £549. Of this expenditure £397 was recovered.

Meals provided for Old Persons (now transferred to Social Services)

(i) Meals on Wheels

	Health	
	Department	W.V.S.
On Books at beginning of year	 92	 68
New Cases	 66	 44
Cases ceased	 54	 40
Number of cases supplied	 158	 152
Number of meals supplied	 10,968	 7,942
On Books at end of year	 96	 72

(ii) At Hostels for Non-Residents

	Burnsid	e I	Laneside	SI	hadsworth	Feniscliffe	W	est Bank	Long	shaw	K	ingsway
On Books at												
beginning of year	16							-	5			_
New Cases	3		5		- .	. -		-	6			1
Cases Ceased			_		1 .	. —		_	—			_
Number of Cases												
supplied	19		10		1 .	. -		_	11			1
Number of												
Meals supplied	5019	2	2632		581 .	. —		_	1419			102
On Books at												
end of year	19		10		1 .	. —		_	11			1

Chiropody

PART 1 Number of persons treated during year ending 31st December 1971.

		By local authorities (1)	By Private chiropodists (2)	Total
1	Persons aged 65 and over	649	3226	3875
2	Expectant Mothers	20		20
3	Others	47		47
4	Handicapped Persons	170		170
5	School Children	2896		2896
6	Pre-School Children	16		16
	TOTAL	3798	3226	7094

PART 2 Number of treatments given during year ending 31st December 1971.

		By local authorities (1)	By Private chiropodists (2)	Total
1	In clinics	6632		6632
2	In patients' homes	482	4284	4766
3	In old people's homes	3 135		3135
4	In chiropodists' surgeries		10526	10526
5	Total	10249	14810	25059

Loan of Equipment. Invalid aids are available on loan or supply from the Health Centres often on the advice of District Nurses or Medico-Social Workers, or requests from General Practitioners.

Annual issues in 1971 were:-

Bedpans	132	Urinals 81
Bed Cages	36	Mackintosh Sheets 188
Air Cushions	91	Back Rests 101
Air Beds	_	Crutches (pairs) 17
Commodes	32	Walking Sticks 7
Walking Aids	80	Feeding Cups 8
Bed Pulley	2	Incontinent Pads 66,850
Bed Blocks	2	
Wheelchairs	40	
Bed Table	1	

In many cases the loans are virtually permanent and this is a very valuable supportive service to community medical needs.

Registration of Homes

Nursing Homes

Three Homes are registered under the Nursing Homes Act, 1963:

		Beds	s Prov	rided
	λ	l aternit	y	Other
"Our Lady of Compassion," Beardwood		9		2 6
"Rockmount," Adelaide Terrace		-		15
"Bamford House" Preston New Road				11

WELFARE SERVICES

(TRANSFERRED OCTOBER, 1971 BUT STATISTICAL DETAILS QUOTED TO END OF YEAR)

TABLE 27

Hostels for the Aged

														_			_			-			-			-			
	_	Park	Park View		₩	West Bank		H'side	Shad	SWOrt	Shadsworth Hse	Feniscliffe Bank	iffe Bar	ېږ	<u>Б</u>	Burnside	o o	ŭ	Laneside	e)	J.	Longshaw		King	Kingsway		Ĕ	TOTAL	
	M.	₩.	ú	Total	M.	₩.	Total	W.	M.	W.	Total	M.	W. T	Total	M.	W. T	Total [M.	W. T	Total N	M. W	7. Total	-	M W	Total	al M.	<u> </u>	ن ا	Total
Total 31.12.70	4	20	:	24	3	36	39	31	11	22	33	12	32	44	18	28	46	23	20	43	10 3	34	44	10 26	36	91	250	:	341
Admitted from Home	35	105	14	154	:	4	4	1	-	-	7	6	4	7	:	-	-	:	-	-	2	2	4.	∞	00	41	127	7 14	182
Hospitals	00	24	:	32	-	-	7	4	:	:	:	:	ъ	т	ω	7	10	4	7	9	7	<u>г</u>	5	1 4	- 5	19		48	67
Hostels	7	2	:	4	:	-	-	:	7	8	4	22	7	7	6	6	9	:	7	7	:			:		12		14	26
Elsewhere	:	:	:		:	7	7	3	:	4	4	3	3	9		-	73	6	5	οo	4	7	9	2 18	50	13		43	56
	49	151	14	214	4	46	53	39	14	29	43	23	44	29	25 '	40	65	30	30	09	18 4	42	60 1	13 57	70	176	482	2 14	672
Discharged to— Home	6	31	14	54	:	т	e.	-	-	:	1	2	<u> </u>	2	:	-	-	:	-	-	0		<i>ω</i>	-	-	14		39 14	67
Hospitals	11	18	:	29	т	3	9	6	-	4	Ŋ	4	<u></u>	7	60	6	12	4	-	5	<i>г</i>	4	7	2 6	<u> </u>	31		57	88
Hostels	22	52	:	74	:	:	:	:	-	-	2	:	:	:	:	:	:	-	-	7		-		:	:	25		55	80
Elsewhere	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1	-	:	-	7	7	4	:	:	:		-	7	:	:		:	:	4		<u>4</u> :	-
Died	2	7	:	6	1	4	5	1	- j	3	4	7	رح	12	:	6	6	3	2	œ	1	9	7	1 12	13	16	52	:	
Total 31.12.71	5	43	:	48	:	39	39	27	6	21	30	<u> </u>	34	42	22	21	43	21	21	42	11 3	30	41 1	10 38	48	88	275	:	361

Hostels for the Aged

Table 28

Classification of Residents

					Men	Women	Total
Blind	• •	• •	• •	• •	8	22	30
Deaf	• •				10	33	43
Epileptic	• •	• •	• •		2	3	5
Physically infirm (no	t aged)			• •	2	6	8
Mentally infirm (not	aged)		• •	• •	2	6	8
Other aged			• •		7 7	220	297
	Total		• •	••	101	290	391

Table 29

Age Groups of Residents

					Men	Women	Total
Under 30 years of ag	e			• •			_
30 to 49 years of age				• •			
50 to 64 years of age			• •	• •	7	13	2 0
65 to 74 years of age		• •			24	44	68
75 to 84 years of age	• •	• •		• •	42	164	206
85 years and over	• •		• •		18	86	104
	Tota	al			91	307	3 98

Table 30. Categories of those on the handicapped registered

	19	69	19	70	19'	71	1971
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
Amputations	19	5	25	8	32	13	45
Arthritis	12	38	27	76	43	102	145
Congenital Malformation and							
deformities	6	6	6	6	19	18	37
Diseases of Digestion and							
urinary system	_	_	1	1	5	7	12
Disease of the Heart	2	5	8	15	13	21	34
Diseases of respiratory system							
(other than tuberculosis)	5	4	10	7	24	18	42
Epilepsy	9	3	8	5	11	6	17
Injuries of the Head	_	_	_	2	8	5	13
Injuries or diseases of limbs or							
spine (other than tuberculosis)	31	6	36	11	46	31	77
Multiple sclerosis, poliomyelitis,							
paralysis etc	41	39	61	48	85	66	151
Neurosis, psychosis and other							
mental disorder	_	3	_	6	2	16	18
Spastic	4	4	5	6 5 3	9	6	15
Tuberculosis (non respiratory)	_	2	1	3	3	5	8
Diabetes	_	_	2		11	16	27
	129	115	190	193	311	330	641

REGISTRATION OF THE BLIND

Age groups of registered blind							71
						M	F
From $0-10$ years						4	1
From 11 – 20 years			• •			-	5
From 21 – 49 years			• •			13	11
From 50 – 69 years				• •	• •	39	49
Over 70 years						28	79

In 1958 there were on the register, 47 persons where blindness occurred in the first year of life, whereas for the years 1963-1970 inclusive not one child was registered blind in the first year and only two children in their second year of life.

In contrast, the degenerative diseases and conditions causing blindness
In 1958 constituted 11 out of 17 registered

111	1900	Constituted	11	Out	OI	T .	registe.
,,	1965	,,	14	,,	,,	14	,,
	1966		9		,,		
	1967		21	,,	,,	21	,,
,,	1968	,,	27	,,	,,	28	,,
	1969		15	,,	,,	15	,,
,,	1970	>>	15	,,	,,	15	,,
	1971		15	22	,,	20	33

Inevitably the onset of blindness has been carried into later and later age groupings so that less and less persons will need the sheltered employment of Blind workshops. More and more will suffer the tragedy of blindness when it will affect leisure and social integration rather than wage earning.

In the Blackburn Workshops for the Blind the numbers have continued to decline as follows:

			1958	1970	1971
Travelling Salesmen	 		2	1	
Skip department	 		7		
Brush department	 • •		17	15	7
Knitting department	 	• •	8	3	2

Table 31

		BLIND		PARTIALLY SIGHTED		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	
On Register, 31st December, 1970	• •	82	131	23	69	
Newly certified during year	• •	9	20	7	26	
Transferred P.S. to Blind Register	• •	-	5	0	5	
Transferred Blind to P.S. Register	• •	_	-	_	-	
Transferred from other Authorities	• •	2	5	_	-	
Transferred to other Authorities	• •	-	2	-	1	
Deaths	• •	9	14	3	12	
De-Certified	• •		-	-	-	
On Register 31st December, 1971	• •	84	145	27	77	

BLIND PERSONS IN HOMES, HOSPITALS, ETC.

	Men	Women
Feniscliffe Bank	1	3
Queen's Park Hospital	2	1
Brockhall Hospital	3	1
Catholic Home for the Blind, Liverpool	1	_
Oaklands Home for the Blind, Holmfirth		1
Nazareth House		1
Shadsworth House	3	2
Abbeyfield Home, Preston New Road	-	1
Laneside		3
Longshaw House	—	2
Burnside	—	2
Kingsway		2
Blind Children	M	F
At Special Schools, etc	6	1

Partially Sighted. Analysis of the age groups of persons on the partially sighted register show that whereas in 1958 60.4% persons were over the age of 50 years; 45.8% were over the age of 65 years; by 1970 there were 77.0% over the age of 50 years and 66.3% over the age of 65 years, in 1971 68.6 were over 50 years and 64.6 over the age of 65 years.

Including Nursery Schools

Of the various categories of partially sighted persons in 1958, in Group A *i.e.*, "Prospective Blind" there were 13 from a total of 48 as compared with 49 "prospective blind" from a total of 92 in 1970. There were a total of 53 in 1971 "Group A" Prospective Blind Category.

PARTIALLY SIGHTED

There were 104 persons on the "Observation" Register on the 31st December, 1971. Thiry Three cases were newly-certified.

The following shows the age groups of the persons on the "Observation" Register of Partially Sighted:

				Men	7	Women
5 to 15 years		• •		 1		4
16 to 20 ,,			• •	 1		1
21 to 49 ,,				 6		8
50 to 64 ,,				 5		7
65 years and over	r			 17		54

The following shows the various categories of Partially Sighted persons:

		M.		F.		Totals
GROUP A.	Prospective Blind	16	••	52		68
GROUP B.	Industrially Handicapped—					
	In Employment	7		5		12
	Training	_		_	• •	-
	Awaiting Training	_		-		-
	Not available for work	1		1		2
GROUP C.	Requiring Observation only	2		15		17
GROUP D.	Children	1		4		5

Causes of Blindness or Partial Sight in cases registered during the year

			Blind	Partially Sighted
Cataract		• •	 8	 6
Glaucoma			 7	 5
Macular degeneration		• •	 5	 7
Optic atrophy			 2	
Lens Sclerosis			 2	 4
Congenital Nystagmus			 	
Keratitis Choroiditis			 1	 _
Diabetic Retinopathy			 5	 4
Chronic Recurrent-Kerat	titis		 	 1
Myopic Degeneration			 2	 5
Disseminated Choroid R	etinitis		 1	 1
Retina Blastoma			 	
Amblyopia			 _	
Pthisis Bulbi			 1	

Deaf and Dumb

There were 81 persons on the Register at the end of 1971, the majority of whom were deaf and dumb. The following table shows the age groups:

		D	eaf wit M.	h Si	F.	Deaf	withou M.	ıt S	peech F.
Under 16 years		 	4	••	4		5	••	5
16-29 years		 	_		4		7		2
30-49 years		 	3		6		5		4
50-64 years	• •	 	_		5	• •	8	• •	4
65 years and over		 • •	-		4		7		4

Deaf/Blind Persons

Twenty one of the persons on the Register for the Blind are also deaf or hard of hearing as follows:

		Men	Women
Deaf/Blind without speech	 	 	 1
Deaf/Blind with speech	 	 -	 6
Blind hard of hearing	 • •	 3	 11

Table 32

AGE GROUPS OF EPILEPTICS UNDER CARE

Eplieptics

			Mag- hull	Lan Col		Burn- side	Lon	gshaw	Hill- side	Lane	eside	T'tl
			M	M	W	W	M	W	w	M	W	
Under 30	• •	••	1	2	1				• •			4
30 to 39	• •		• •	2			• •			• •		2
40 to 49	• •			2					•••	•••		2
50 to 64				5	3			• • •		• .		8
65 plus					2	1	1	1		1		6
Totals	• •	••	1	11	6	1	1	1	• •	1	••	22

Disabled Persons' and Aged Persons' Homes

Persons who carry on Disabled Persons' Homes and Homes for Aged Persons are required by Section 37 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, to apply to the Local Authority for registration. Six homes are registered, viz:

			Men		Women
Nazareth House, Preston New Road			21		29
Liverpool House, Audley Range	• •		-		8
Richardson House for deaf women,					00
Billinge End Road Franciscan Convent, East Park Road	• •	• •	-	• •	32 14
"Hawkhurst," Shear Bank Road	• •	• •	2	• •	14
"The Cliffe," East Park Road	• •	• •	_	• •	10

Mowbray Lodge Adult Training Centre

The Adult Training Centre was opened in April, 1965, and has provided a useful community service for the Mentally Disordered.

						Male	F	emale	Total
The number	of	trainees	attending	at	31/12/71	51		38	 89

The number of trainees classified as percentages was as follows:—

Severely Mentally	
Handicapped	 50%
Mentally Handicapped	 9%
E.S.N. School Leavers	 20%
Mentally Ill	 21%

During 1971 a total of 12 people left the Centre as follows:

	M	F
To full employment	1	1
To Hospital care—		
Mentally Handicapped	1	3
To Hospital—mental illness	2	3
Left Town	-	-
Temporary	1	-
	5	7

Mowbray Lodge Hostel (Males)

, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1969	1970	1971
Number of Residents 31st December Number admitted for Short term care	19 5	 22 3	19 2
Bank House Hostel (Females)			
Number of Residents 31st December	• •	 	13 4

I am indebted to the Blackburn & District Association for Family Social Work, for the following report:

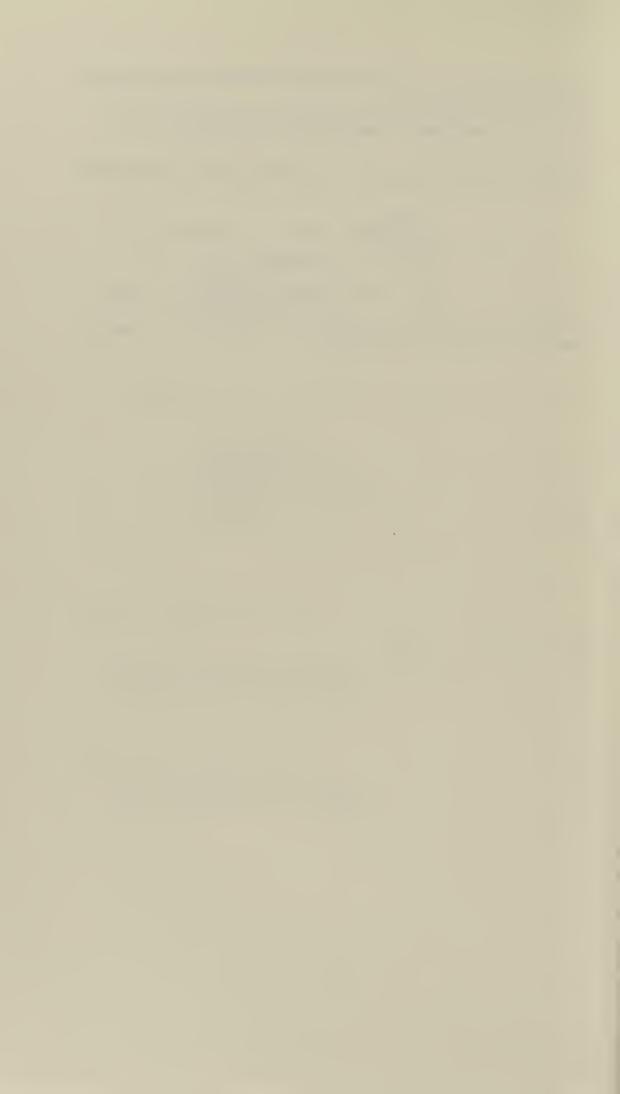
Care of the Unsupported Mother and her Child 1971

During the year 1.1.71 - 31.12.71 this Agency has seen 71 Unsupported Mothers, from the Borough area.

1 aged 15 12 aged 16 9 aged 17 49 aged 18 and 18 plus.

Of these, 62 were single, 2 separated and 7 divorced expectant mothers.

Nine of the pregnancies resulted in clinical termination, 1 was a natural miscarriage, and 2 were still born babies.



REPORT ON SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1971-72

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SCHOOL CLINICS

School Clinics:

School Clinics are distributed as follows:

LARKHILL MAJOR HEALTH CENTRE:

and

Montague Major Health Centre: Inspection and Follow-up Clinics, Ophthalmic, Dental, Physiotherapy, Immunisation and Vaccination, Ear, Nose and Throat, Audiology, Orthoptic, Speech, Chiropody, Child Guidance and Minor Treatments.

Except for Minor Treatments, attendances are by appointment.

LITTLE HARWOOD HEALTH CENTRE | Minor Treatments.

GLENLUCE FAMILY WELFARE CENTRE: Minor Treatments.

The treatment of Scabies and Cleansing of Verminous Cases continues to be given at the Bathing Unit attached to the Disinfecting Station.

COST OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

I am indebted to the Borough Treasurer, Mr. C. F. Singleton, for the following particulars relating to the cost of the School Health Service during 1970-1971.

EXPENDITURE

£	p.	£	p.
Salaries and Fees 65032	51		
Local Government Superannuation—			
Employer's Contribution 3173	32		
Equal Annual Charge 655	77		
National Insurances—			
Employer's Contributions 2314	07		
Staff Training 295	08		
Travelling Expenses and Subsistence			
Allowances 780	28		
Drugs, Medical Requisites and Apparatus 4446	54		
Laundry 274	43		
Printing, Stationery, Postages and			
Telephones, etc 595	22		
Uniforms 323	66		
Rents and Insurances 37	00		
Upkeep of Buildings 14139	50		
Medical Inspections—Intending Teachers 403	00		
Sundries 5	2 2		
Loan Charges 611	91		
Total Expenditure ———		93137	51

INCOME

Recovered from-

Blackburn Executive Council,		
N.H.S. (Sight testing) 1112 00		
Regional Hospital Board—		
Örthoptic Clinics 524 00		
Lancashire County Council—		
Orthoptic Clinics 255 38		
Services to Health Department 624 00		
Services to Regional Hospital Board 859 45		
Total Income -	3374	83
Expenditure Less Income	89762	68

The rateable value of the Borough on 31st March, 1971, was £3,690,681 The cost of medical inspection and treatment in schools for the twelve months ended 31st March, 1971, was £89,763, compared with £76,572 in the previous year.

This was equivalent to £5.11p. per child on the school rolls, and expressed as a penny rate was 2.63p.

SCHOOL POPULATION

Particulars of children on the rolls at maintained schools are as follows:

4	Nursery Schools		• •	228
54	Primary School D	epar	tment s	10717
8	Secondary School	s		6836
4	Special Schools			359
	Total	• •	• •	18140
4 Nursery Classes-A	verage No. in Class	S	• •	48

SECTION ONE

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

The arrangements for medical inspection are as outlined in my Report for 1969.

The following tables show the results of Periodic Examinations carried out during the year.

Table 1. Periodic Medical Inspections

	Number	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED		Pupils four (excluding infesta	No. of Pupils found		
Age Groups inspected (By year Birth)	of pupils who have received a full medical examinat'n	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	for defective vision (excluding squint)	for any other condition recorded at Part II	Total individual pupils	not to warrant a medical exam- ination
1967 & later	163	162	1	3	12	15	1
1966	535	526	9	14	5 0	64	1
1965	881	875	6	97	82	109	
1964	103	101	2	4	7	11	
1963	60	58	$\overline{2}$	4	4	4	
1962	58	53	5		6	6	1
19 61	420	419	1	16	40	56	512
19 60	262	258	4	7	19	26	308
195 9	79	73	6	1	• •	1	28
1958	_53	50	3		2	2	• •
1957	571	565	6	11	43	54	
1956 & earlr	1047	1042	5	13	52	65	11
TOTAL	4232	4182	50	100	317	413	862

Table 2. Other Inspections

Notes: A special inspection is one that is carried out at the special request of a parent, doctor, nurse or other person.

A re-inspection is an inspection arising out of one of the periodic medical

inspections or out of a special inspection.

Number of special inspections ...

177 Number of Re-inspections 379

556

Table 2.

Defects found by Periodic and Special Medical Inspections

Defect or Disease			PER	IODIC	INSPECT:	IONS	Special Inspec tion
			Entr'ts	Leavrs	Others	Total	
Skin	• •	T	9 19	17 17	37 57	63 93	3 4
Eyes: a. Vision	• •	Ť	14 53	12 52	62 174	88 279	4
b. Squint		TO	10 10	1 4	11 35	22	2
c. Other		T	3	1	4	8	_
Ears: a. Hearing		OT	3 4	10	12 16	25 21	9
b. Otitis Media		OT	37 1	25 1	149	211	32
c. Other		OT	11	2	18 18	31 20	1 3
Nose and Throat		OT	7 9	2	18 22	27 31	- 2 6 3 3
Speech		O T	72 12	12	127 41	21 1 54	6
Lymphatic Glands		OT	19	3	29 1	51 2	3
Heart		OT	12	2	23	37	_
Lungs		O	15 2	4	24	43 10	-
Developmental: a. Hernia		OT	8 -	6	74	88	7
b. Other		OT	6	1 1	6	13 6	-
Orthopaedic: a. Posture	••	O	34	2 3	57 14	93 20	5 2
b. Feet		O	8 14	7 13	23 24	38 51	4 2 5
c. Other		OT	15	5 10	36 14	56 28	1
Nervous System : a. Epilepsy		OT	10	9 2	35 1	54 3	7
b. Other		OT	1	1	6 2	7 3	1
Psychological: a. Development		OT	5	7	12 3	24 3	1
b. Stability		OT	3 -	1	9 2	12	3
Abdomen		T O T O T	1 -	1 2 -	13	16 4	1 -
Other		OT	8	1	27 14	36 15	4 2 6
		0	40	9	69	118	6

Home Visits

The School Nurses carried out 3,478 home visits in 1971. Where school children were enquired after whilst on a regular visit to younger children in a family, these visits are not included below.

Reason for Visits

	Post Medical Inspection . Infectious Diseases Pre-Special Educational Examinations Physically Handicapped Maladjusted Ineffective Visits		No. of West 1370 92 140 43 43 40 1728		East 1391 168 161 43 75 18 1856	• •	Total 2761 260 301 86 118 58 3584
Schoo	ols Visits (excluding Hyg	giene)					
	Infectious Diseases		338		98		436
	Other Reasons (including Vision Tests)		4197		2149		6346
	Discussions with Head Te	achers	406		_		406
			4941		2247		7188
				••		••	
Schoo	ol Hygiene Inspections						
	Children examined		25105		11808		36913
	Children requiring treatme	ent	2045	• •	1370	••	3415
Clinic	: Sessions Attended						
	Ophthalmic		33		133		166
	Ear, Nose & Throat	• •	48 69	• •	101 7	• •	149 76
	Prophylactic	• •	5	• •	112	• •	117
	Inspection Follow-up	• •	8 31	• •	30 119	• •	38 150
	Minor Treatment, etc.		492	••	813	• •	1305
			686	• •	1315		2001

SECTION TWO

TREATMENT

Tonsils and Adenoids.

In all, 98 children were operated upon during the year from the operation waiting list compiled by the Health Service. 292 remained on the list at the end of the year.

The department is notified of all children operated upon, to ensure follow-up on discharge.

Visual Defects.

Mr. P. R. Stevens & Dr. D. M. Somerville, Consultant Ophthalmologists, continued to hold sessions at Montague & Larkhill Health Centres. Details of attendances are as follows:

	1971
Attendances	1203
Sessions	111
New cases	387
Prescriptions for Spectacles	472

Physiotherapy and Remedial Exercises Clinic

	Health Centres				Open Air School
	(Cases	At	tendances	Cases Attendances
Remedial Exercises—					
Breathing Exercises		14		91	 15 350
Posture		17		51	 1 3
Poliomyelitis		1		9	 1 32
Feet		131		377	 -
Knock Knees		7		14	 - -
Congenital Defects		24		448	 20 732
Others		37		265	 - -
Electrical Treatment		1		6	 - -
Ultra Violet Light		46		606	 -
				_	
		278		1867	 371117

Orthoptic Clinic

Throughout 1971 the Department was staffed by two full-time and one part-time Orthoptists.

Miss Badley left Blackburn after her marriage in March, and was replaced by Mrs. Preston.

Six sessions per week were continued at the Infirmary and sixteen per fortnight at each of the two Major Health Centres. The Saturday morning session at Montague Health Centre was discontinued in early April.

Our thanks go to Mr. Stevens and Dr. Somerville for the help and advice they have given to the Department throughout 1971.

Statistics for 1971

Larkhill Health Centre	В	orough		County
Total No. of New Cases		45	— 96—	51
Total No. of Patients Attending		787		1057
Total No. of Attendances		981	—1940—	1407

Number of children seen in School

1423 with 157 found to have defective visual acuity and/or strabismus.

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	200	iu	' "	UJ

Functional	 	16		22
Cosmetic	 	10		13
Failed to Attend/Left District	 	6		19
Total No. of Discharges	 	-	– 86 –	

Montague Health Centre

Total No. of New Cases		39		62
			— 101 —	0.40
Total No. of Patients Attending	• •	770		848
T 127 CA 1			1618	
Total No. of Attendances			1719	

Number of Children seen in School

831 with 99 found to have defective visual acuity and/or strabismus.

Discharges

citalges				
Functional	 	19		18
Cosmetic	 	10		16
Failed to Attend/Left District	 	13		4
Total No. of Discharges	 		80	

Blackburn Royal Infirmary

Old Patients — 1508 New Patients — 320

Mrs. M. SNAPE, Mrs. S. H. PRESTON

Speech Therapy

As in 1969, the department has continued to function with Mrs. J. Scott, Mrs. J. Knight and Mrs. R. Banks (formerly Miss Daniels).

Sessions were as follows:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	
Mrs. So	cott					
a.m.	Larkhill Larkhill	Larkhill Larkhill	B.R.I. Larkhill	Larkhill Larkhill	B.R.I. Larkhill	
p.m.	Larkiiii	Larkiiii	Larkiiii	Laikiiii	Laikiiii	
Mrs. Ba	anks					
a.m.	Montague	Crosshill	Montague	Montague	Crosshill	
p.m.	Bentham Rd.	Montague	Bentham Rd. (School Visits)	Montague	Montague	
Mrs. Kı	nig ht					
a.m.	Open Air School	Montague	Larkhill	Open Air School	Montague	
Larkhill Health Centre: Numbers at the end of the year were as follows: Individual number of school children 92 Total number of attendances 1360 Individual number of pre-school children 38 Total attendances 374 Total discharges, school children and pre-school 101 Total failed to attends. 582						

Again it is noticeable that approximately a quarter of the time allocated for appointments has been lost through persistent failures to attend.

The increase in the number and attendances of pre-school children is encouraging. In September, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Knight started an experiment in group therapy with pre-school children, following Mrs. Banks' example at Montague Health Centre. Two groups of 6 children are seen for an hour. So far it is early to assess the outcome but results would appear to be encouraging.

The Department continued to treat a varied case load though the predominant disorders as always are either disorders of articulation or disorders of language, the two frequently being connected. There is also a small number of stammerers and cleft palate patients.

In January we obtained the Linco Speech Therapy Unit, for use with individual children with partial hearing loss.

Children from the Dame Evelyn Fox Special School have continued to attend Larkhill Health Centre under the supervision of Mrs. Scott. The school is also visited every term for assessment clinics and discussion with the staff.

Owing to pressure of numbers a certain amount of school visiting had to be curtailed, though Mrs. Scott always managed to visit when it was necessary.

Montague Health Centre

Total number of children on the books	152
Total attendances	1698
Total number of pre-school children	67
Total number of attendances	321
Total discharges, school children and pre-school	139

The majority of children attending the clinic in 1971 were those with articulatory defects or retarded speech development. A smaller number had defective speech resulting from a stammer, repaired cleft palate, mental retardation or deafness. An increasing number of children with severe deafness were referred for Speech Therapy and in January the Department obtained the Linco Mark 3 Speech Training Unit. Although not suitable for very young deaf children it has been used to great benefit with school children with a partial hearing loss.

In April, the number of sessions at Bentham Road Health Centre was increased to two per week to cater for children living in that area. Due to this extra clinical session, school visits by the Speech Therapist ceased and consequently referrals of school children were reduced. The numbers of pre-school children attending the clinic has increased and the play group for young children with delayed speech development continued with success.

Blackamoor Special School

Total number of children at the end of the year	20
Total attendances	393

Of these, 12 received regular treatment. While 8 were on review and seen once or twice a term as deemed necessary.

With continued sessions at Blackamoor, it has been possible to work through the backlog of cases, thus reducing considerably the number of cases on the list.

Children entering the school have been seen as soon as they have been referred and treatment has commenced immediately. Most of those receiving regular treatment are new entrants or in the first three classes. Two children from the partially-sighted unit also received regular treatment.

Co-operation with the teaching staff has been maintained and in one case in particular a joint plan of action has proven most beneficial.

Crosshill School

Total number of children	40
Total discharges	28
Total attendances	483

Twice-weekly sessions have continued throughout the year. All new entrants to the school were seen by the Speech Therapist to assess if they needed treatment, and several children were also admitted at the request of teachers. Articulation defects are treated, with emphasis on language stimulation which many E.S.N. children particularly need. During the school summer holidays, only 15 out of 27 children sent for, attended the clinic with their parents, which is regrettable when the co-operation of parents makes such a difference to the progress of their children.

General Comments

In March, Mrs. Scott attended a residential course for 1 week in Leicester on "Disorders of Voice and Resonance". In April Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Banks

attended the Manchester Day Training Course run by the College of Speech Therapists, the subject being Speech Therapy and Mental Retardation. In April 1971, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Knight attended a session at Fulwood Audiology Clinic for observation and discussion of work with these deaf children also attending for speech therapy at Blackburn. Mrs. Scott also visited Fulwood Audiology Clinic in June for similar discussion with Dr. Robson.

County children have continued to attend both centres but these numbers are deliberately low as the places are in great demand by our own children in Blackburn.

As has been previous policy the three members of staff have contrived to meet regularly for general discussion and organisation and co-operation with the administrative department is always appreciated.

JENNIFER B. SCOTT Senior Speech Therapist.

Psychological Service

Annual Report for year ending December 31st, 1971.

Number of cases on file at 1.1.71.	219
Number of cases referred during the whole of 1971	364
Number of cases dealt with during 1971	583
Number of cases closed during 1971	326
Number of cases on file at 31.12.71	257
Of 364 referrals during 1971:	
Reason for Referral	
Mental Assessment	168
Educational Guidance	104
Behaviour/Emotional	92
Source of Referral	
Headteachers	225
Medical Officers in Department	97
Other Specialists	18
Education Welfare	10
Social Services Department	
Liaison Officer	3
Probation Officer	4 3 3 3
Parents	3
N.S.P.C.C.	1

Audiometry.

During 1971, 10,140 children were tested with the following results:

Passed screening test (250-8,000 C.P.S	8377
Referred for further investigation	394
Failed	1369

School Health Service Chiropody

In January 1971, Miss C. A. Sharpe, recently qualified at Chelsea School of Chiropody, joined the Chiropody Staff, making the establishment complete.

Individual programmes were arranged to give impetus to the school health prevention programme. Mr. Pollard devoted the whole of his time to hostels. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Foxcroft were responsible for chiropody in West and East respectively, whilst Miss Sharpe divided her attention between the two divisions. Unfortunately, in attaining this optimum use of manpower, one feels that increased facilities would be more beneficial to progress.

The year saw the advent of Social Services, which provided the Chiropody Service with a few administrative headaches.

The Senior Citizen Chiropody Scheme reached the limits of operation within the finances available to it. A good deal of time and manpower is lost each year through patients who fail to attend — 1,103 in this particular year (including a proportion of school children).

Completion of the establishment enabled an intensification of the school programme. On the east side of town, all senior schools were visited and a start made on juniors and infants. I cannot stress enough the importance of inspection and preventive work to future generations. It is essential that young people appreciate the pitfalls so that an attempt can be made to lessen the palliative treatment which will be required in later life. Of two senior schools re-visited in 1971, 1,080 children were seen, of which 331 required treatment. Efforts are made to visit special schools regularly and to carry out treatments on the premises.

Number of children seen Number of treatments given	782) in Clinics 3,348)
Number of lectures given	69)
Number of children examined	2,886) In School
Number of children with defects	753)

P. L. Foxcroft, M.Ch.S., S.R.Ch. Senior Chiropodist

SECTION THREE

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT

Report by the Principal Dental Officer Mr. J. Rigby

During the year under review, despite the fact that fewer treatment sessions have been carried out due to a reduction in sessional work by one of the part-time staff, the volume of treatment done compares very favourably with the previous year.

Inspections at school have again been reduced; only about half the children have had a routine dental inspection. It cannot be emphasised too strongly that unless additional staff is engaged, the situation will deteriorate rapidly and the service be reduced almost to the level of an emergency character. It has been mentioned in previous reports that one in four attending is a casual patient.

There is an absolutely urgent need for the appointment of at least one full time dental officer to make any appreciable improvement. The present staffing position is worse than in 1939 when three full time dental officers were employed by the Authority — and at that period there was not the demand for treatment that exists at the present day. Unless younger staff are found to carry on the service it will grind to a halt in a few years' time.

It is regrettable therefore that the inspection of pre-school children has had to be severely curtailed, and the major portion of the treatment carried out for them is of an emergency nature. Four years ago we were able to do an annual routine inspection of all the three year old children in the Borough.

Patients requiring Orthodontic treatment are adequately covered and the Orthodontist still attends for at least two sessions weekly.

The standard of Oral hygiene is gradually improving from year to year despite the fact that not a great deal of Dental Health Education is carried out by the Authority — except by the Health Visitors, whose help is much appreciated.

Co-operation from the teaching staff at inspections and the subsequent arrangements for treatment are very good and this greatly assists in the smooth running of the service.

In conclusion I must again thank the dental staff for their very willing help and hard work put in during the year.

J. Rigby,

Principal Dental Officer.

1. INSPECTIONS

(a) First inspection - school

(b) First inspection - clinic

(c) Re-inspection - school or clinic.

Totals

	No. of pupils		
Inspected	Requiring Tr.	Offered Tr.	
6574	4895	3306	
883	4095	3300	
851	490		
8308	5385	3306	

2. VISITS (for treatment only)

First visit in the calendar year Subsequent visits Total visits

Ages 5—9	Ages 10—14	Ages 15 & over	Total
1768	1619	360	3747
1100	1882	561	3543
2868	3501	921	7290

3. COURSES OF TREATMENT

Additional courses commenced

Total courses commenced

Courses completed

41	100	35	176
1809	1719	395	3923
			2145

4. TREATMENT

Fillings in permanent teeth Fillings in deciduous teeth

639	2119	628	3386
768	48		816

Permanent teeth filled Deciduous teeth filled

516	1885	575	2976
718	47		765

Permanent teeth extracted	268	788	240	1296
Deciduous teeth extracted	2424	744		3168
			1	
Number of general anaesthetics	340	228	39	607
Number of emergencies	1007	614	126	1747
	11		1	
Number of pupils X-rayed			56	
Prophylaxis	• • • • •		128	
Teeth otherwise conserved	• • • •		Nil	
Teeth root filled			6	
Inlays			Nil	
Crowns			1 Bridge	

5. ORTHODONTICS

New cases commenced during the year	35
Cases completed during the year	16
Cases discontinued during the year	3
Number of removable appliances fitted	61
Number of fixed appliances fitted	1
Number of pupils referred to Hospital Consultants	Nil

6. DENTURES

Number of pupils fitted with dentures for first time:

- (a) with full denture
- (b) with other dentures

Ages 5—9	Ages 10—14	Ages 15& over	Total
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	18	5	25

otal	2	18	5	25

T

Number of dentures supplied
(first or subsequent time)

2	18	5	25
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7. ANAESTHETICS

Number of general anaesthetics administered by Dental Officers

Nil

8. SESSIONS

	Administrative Sessions	1					
	inist essio	Scl	nool Serv	rice	м&cw S	ervice	Total
	Admi	I'sp'tn at Sc'l	T'm'nt	Dental Health Ed't'n	T'm't n	Dental Health Ed't'n	sessions
ľ	22	66	966	Nil	73	Nil	1127
-							
			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
-			Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	22	66	966	Nil	73	Nil	1127

Dental Officers (including P.D.S.O.) Dental Auxiliaries Dental Hygienists Total

9. DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

As in former years, Dental Health Education has been carried out by Medico Social Workers particularly in Senior Schools.

SECTION FOUR

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Information as to the incidence of non-notifiable infectious disease is obtained from teachers, welfare officers, public health inspectors, medicosocial workers, health visitors and parents.

The following table gives particulars of cases of infectious diseases reported in school children during 1971.

Table 3

Period	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Chicken Pox	Mumps	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	German Measles	Infective Hepatitis	Tuberculosis
January- April	16	51	3	5	2	7	-	_	5	10
May-August	15	88	-	10		3	-	4	3	5
September- December	18	81		2	2	1	7	-	3	8
TOTALS	49	220	3	17	4	11	7	4	11	23

SECTION FIVE HANDICAPPED PUPILS

Ascertainment

The arrangements for the ascertainment of pupils requiring special educational treatment are covered by regulation of the Minister of Education, and have been detailed in previous reports.

Special School Provision

There are four special schools provided by the Authority, a School for Delicate and Physically Handicapped Children, a Unit for Partially Sighted Pupils, Crosshill School for Educationally Subnormal Pupils, and the Dame Evelyn Fox Special School for Severely Subnormal Pupils transferred from the Local Health Authority from April 1st.

Blackamoor School

I append a report of the School's activities by the Headmaster, Mr. F. HARLING

Thirty-seven children were admitted and thirty-five discharged during 1971; one hundred and twenty-three being in attendance at the end of the year. Of the thirty-seven admissions eighteen were extra district children

The reasons for the admission of the thirty-seven new cases were as follows:

Achondroplasia	1	Partially Sighted	1
Weakness of R. Hip, Bronchitis	1	Oesphageal Varices	1
Henoch's Schonlein Pupura.	1	Emotionally Disturbed.	2
Asthma	6	Delicate	2
Cretinous	1	Hydrocephalus	2
Ecoptic Viscera	1	Spina Bifida	3
Bronchitis and Eczema	3	Fibrocystic Disease of Pancreas	1
Congenital Heart	3	Werdnig Hoffman's Disease	1
Spasticity	3	Dyslalia	1
Coe.iac Disease	1	Epilepsy	1
Speech Defect	1		

An assessment of the categories of handicap taken at the end of each of the last six years shows as follows:

The last six years shows	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Delicate Physically Handicapped Epileptic Partially Hearing Maladjusted Speech Defect Partially Sighted	94 30 4 4 3 1	101 24 5 3 4 -	83 31 7 5 6 2 2	37 75 7 7 7 5 3	17 84 6 4 7 2	11 95 6 6 6 2 2
	138	139	136	135	120	128

There were three thousand, six hundred and ninety-five visits to the medical room during the year.

Children treated by Physiotherapists were as follows:

		No. of	cases
Breathing exercises for A	Asthma	295	25
Postural Defects		59	3
Congenital Conditions		333	18
Foot Exercises		138	6

F. HARLING Headmaster.

Partially Sighted Unit-Blackamoor

The year began with 17 children on the roll, 7 girls and 10 boys. The age range was 6 to 16+ years. Four boys left during the year, one to go on an engineering course at a residential college in Birmingham. One boy left town; the third was transferred to Tower View Training Centre in Darwen and the fourth boy went to a residential school for the blind at Wavertree. Two girls left during the year, having attained 16 years, and went into employment. Four children — 3 boys and 1 girl — were admitted so that the number on the roll at the end of the year was 15, 9 boys and 6 girls.

In conclusion, I would put on record the excellent service afforded us by the school nurse, the physiotherapist and speech therapist who, in their several ways, have done so much for the children in this Unit.

H. H. Evans, Headmaster.

1971 Report by Mr. A. Roberts, Headmaster Crosshill School.

At the beginning of the year 167 children were on roll, a further 21 were admitted during the year. 31 children left school of whom 22 had reached the age of 16. Unfortunately not all of these found employment, and despite the excellent work carried out by the Careers Department, this aspect causes some grave misgivings in the light of the present national employment situation. Of the other children who left school, 7 were transferred to Community Homes or other Specialist Residential establishments, emphasising once again the diversity of problems posed by slow learning children who also have disturbed home situations.

Of great benefit to the school has been the addition of a nurse who is now in full time attendance. Her work and personal friendly contact has done much to reduce the incidence of minor ailments and difficulties which at one time would have necessitated exclusion or prolonged absence from school.

The co-operation of other branches of the Health and Social Services continue to be of great benefit. Friendly and effective liaison with them helps considerably in the continuation of the good work being done here.

A. ROBERTS, Headmaster.

Table 4

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	Total	63	35	38	18	13	7	51	25
	Speech Defect	3	:	1	:		:	1	:
	Epil eptic	2	1	1	1	:	:	1	1
	E.S.N.	36	19	26	10	8	3	34	13
ats	Mal- adj- usted	8	1	:	:	:	:	:	:
ceme	Deli- cate	3	9	:	:	1	1	1	1
nd Pla	Par- cally tially Handi Hear'g capped	5	9	5	9	1	:	9	9
- New Assessments and Placements	Par- tially Hear'g	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
sessm	Deaf	2	1	3		:	:	3	:
ew As	Par- tially Sightd	1	:	1	:	:	:	1	:
	Blind	2	:	:	÷	1	1	1	1
hildren	1970:	boys	girls	boys	girls	boys	girls	boys	girls
Handicapped Children	During calendar year ended 31st December, 1970:	Handicapped children newly assessed as be needing special educational treatment at special schools or in boarding homes		(i) of those included		shools (other than becairs) of those assessed prior		homes (iii) Total newly placed—	(r) pare (r)
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Analysis of Special Schools to which Blackburn Children have been admitted.

On 20th January, 1972 two hundred children (126 boys and 74 girls) were in special schools as follows:

ere in special schools as follows.		
BLIND PUPILS	Boys	Girls
Wavertree School, Liverpool	1	
Henshaw's, Old Trafford	1	1_
Royal School for Blind, Liverpool Sunshine House, Southport	1	_
Sunshine House, Southport		
Partially Sighted Class, Blackamoor	1	3
West of England School, Exeter	1	_
DEAF PUPILS		
Northern Counties, Newcastle		1
Royal Cross School for the Deaf, Preston	3	8
PARTIALLY HEARING PUPILS		
Thomasson Memorial School, Bolton	4	1
Southport School for Partial Hearing	1	4
Blackamoor Special School	2	1
DELICATE PUPILS Placksman Special School	5	6
Blackamoor Special School	5 1	
St. Joseph's Cranleigh	1	_
EDUCATIONALLY SUBNORMAL PUPILS		
Eden Grove, Appleby	4	_
Hargreaves House, Oswaldtwistle		1
Crowthorn, Bolton	4	1
St. Joseph's, Cranleigh	3	_
Oakfield, Liverpool Jesmond Dene, Newcastle		1
Beechwood, Liverpool	_ ::	î
Hilton Grange	1	
Hindley Hall	1	-
Redcourt, Glossop	1	
St. Francis', Buntingford	1	
Pontville, Ormskirk	<u> </u>	- 1
MALADJUSTED		-
Pitt House, Devon	3	_
Cheveley Rectory, Newmarket	1	-
Burnt Norton, Gloucester	. 1	-
Blackamoor Special School	3	. 3
William Henry Smith, Boothroyd	1	
Wennington Hall, Hornby Badgeworth Court	1	
Childscourt, Wincanton	1	
Wessington Court	i ::	_
EPILEPTIC PUPILS		
Blackamoor Special School	5	1
Maghull, Liverpool	1	i
Chilton School, Maghull	<u> </u>	î
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED		
Chailey Heritage, Lewes	1	_
Blackamoor Special School	58	37
Birtenshaw Hall, Bolton	3	-
Chantrey School, Sheffield		1
Standish Hostel	1 2	-
Mere Oaks, Standish	1	_
Margaret Barclay, Mobberley		1
SPEECH		
Thornbury Park	1	_
Blackamoor Special School	i	1

SECTION SIX

MISCELLANEOUS

Co-operation

Teachers, parents and School Welfare Officers have fully co-operated in the work of the School Medical department. To them my thanks are expressed.

Employment of Children and Young Persons.

School Medical Officers examined 1047 children for employment during the year.

One hundred and fifty-nine children (105 boys and 54 girls) were licensed for employment out of school hours; no children were licensed to take part in entertainments.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

During 1971 it was my privilege and pleasure to be concerned and involved in the welfare of 155 Blackburn families in which the number of children from birth to eighteen years totalled 469. It is pleasing to note that of these 155 new cases 65 came to my notice through the parents themselves seeking aid and advice with their problems. Officials of the local authority and police referred 53 cases. Enquiries and visits to the homes revealed that 62 children were neglected to the extent that they required medical treatment. Eight children had been physically injured requiring medical attention or hospital care. The disturbed home environment had resulted in 33 children becoming emotionally disturbed. In addition, 5 infants were referred as "battered babies". Routine visiting and casework support achieved improvement in most cases, but Juvenile Court proceedings were necessary to secure adequate protection for 3 children.

1971 has seen some changes in the local organisation of the N.S.P.C.C. I now work from an office at 10, Strawberry Bank, Blackburn, Tel. No. 62556. The Group Office for North Lancashire is at 84 Deepdale Road, Preston, Tel. No. Preston 21635/6. A duty officer is available during normal office hours at this office. He can deal with emergencies or relay messages if I am not available.

The ability to meet changing times and changing needs has always been one of the strengths of the N.S.P.C.C. Empowered by its Royal Charter 'to prevent the private and public wrongs of children', the Society pioneered the protection and welfare of children from the days of its foundation; then as the State gradually took on more of this work the Society has directed its attention to new areas of need as they emerge. The N.S.P.C.C.'s work with

battered and seriously deprived children under five are illustrations of the Society's vision and adaptability. We shall continue to tackle specific problems concerning children as they arise and where we can make a real contribution, with the aim of sharing the knowledge and experience gained with others involved in child welfare.

I am most appreciative of the help and support from officials of the Health Department, especially Health Visitors with whom I enjoy a happy and constructive working relationship, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my sincere thanks.

T. Bamber, Inspector

School Meals Service

Meals supplied to children during the year, 1st January to 31st December, 1971.

Primary and Secondary Schools:

Free Paid				331,695 1,485,663	017.250
Special Schools: Free Paid	••	• •	• •	14,031 32,094	,817,358
Dame Evelyn Fox Spe	10,494	46,125 10,494			
				1	,873,977
Milk supplied to school	ol (‡-pir	at bottl	es)	1	,560,718

Average daily number fed during each month in 1971:

January	12,731	May	8,681	September	11,096
February	12,274	June	8,843	October	11,203
March	12,004	July	8,885	November	10,694
April	10,443	August	S	December	10,952

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

(Including Nursery and Special Schools)

GROUP A-EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT

	No. of cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	_ 1153
Total	1153
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	472

GROUP B-DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

		No. of cases known to have been dealt with
Received other forms of treatment		140 161 125 10
Total	• • • •	436
Total number of pupils in schools who are knot have been provided with hearing aids (a) in 1971		4 31

GROUP C-ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

	No. of cases known to have been dealt with
 Pupils treated at clinics or out-patient departments	278 37
Total	315

GROUP D.-DISEASES OF THE SKIN

				No. of cases known to have been dealt with
Ringworm— (i) Scalp (ii) Body Scabies Impetigo Other skin discases	 			 - - 375 31 -
	Тот	AL	• •	 406

GROUP E.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT

A 45 - 1	treated at Ch arrangements	made by the	125
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GROUP F.—SPEECH THERAPY

Number of pupils treated by Speech Therapists	
under arrangements made by the Authority	389

GROUP G.—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN

(a)	Number of mis				ailmen	ts	
(b)	Pupils who receiunder School Hea					nt	-
(c)	Pupils who receiv	ed B.C	.G.	• •			687
(d)	Others—						
	1. Orthoptics*						472
1	2. Sunlight						46
	3. Cleansing			• •			696
1			• •				1276
	F A 1'		• •		• •		7473
1	(n 1 1	• •				1	133
	o. I sychology	• •	• •	• •	• •		100
			TOTAL	(a	d)		10783

^{*} In addition 742 Lancashire County Council pupils were dealt with during the year.

